



**The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women Celebrates its 35th Anniversary and Black Women Legislators Across the country.**

**Committee: General**

**Resolution: GEA-20-01**

1. **WHEREAS**, in 1985, the Honorable Diana Bajoie (LA-Ret.), the Honorable Lois
2. DeBerry (TN-Decd.), the Honorable Carolyn Kilpatrick (MI-Ret.), the Honorable Jerry
3. Eileen Muhugh Perry (MD-Decd.), the Honorable Teola Hunter (MI-Ret.), the Honorable
4. Gwen Moore (CA-Ret.), the Honorable Juanita Watkins (MI-Ret.), the Honorable Diane
5. Watson (CA-Ret.), the Honorable Annette Polly Williams(WI-Decd.), the Honorable
6. Carrie Saxon Perry (CT-Ret.) and the Honorable Freddy Williams (OK-Ret.) gathered to
7. create the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women);
8. **WHEREAS**, The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL
9. Women) is a non-profit (501c3), non-partisan organization primarily composed of current
10. and former Black women legislators and many appointed officials.
11. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL Women’s mission is to increase and promote the presence of  
Black
12. women in government, non-profit and corporate leadership through training and
13. development; protecting the public interests of women and families; and supporting
14. policy initiatives that contribute to the enhancement and sustainability of the Black
15. community.
16. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL Womens’ Objectives are to create programs and platforms that
17. advance Black women in the fields of public policy, public service and civic engagement;
18. To serve as a network and support system for Black women in public policy and
19. organizational leadership; To serve as a venue for thoughtful dialogue on issues of public
20. interest between elected officials and stakeholders; and To train and educate a class of
21. cultivated and experienced Black women to assume both governmental and corporate
22. leadership roles.

23. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL women has members in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California,  
24. Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,  
25. Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri,  
26. Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio,  
27. Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,  
Utah,  
28. Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin;

29. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL Women has nine focus areas that are Education, Energy, Financial  
30. Policies, Health, Social and Economic Justice, Technology, Telecommunications,  
31. Women’s Issues and Voter Education;

32. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL Women currently has 4 Annual Programs; the Annual Legislative  
33. Breakfast; The Annual Legislative Conference, Girls, Gigabytes, & Gadget (3G) and the  
34. Leadership Training & Educational Development Institute;

35. **WHEREAS**, The NOBEL Women Annual Legislative Breakfast is held in December of  
36. each year in conjunction with the National Black Caucus of State Legislators’ Annual  
37. Legislative Conference. The NOBEL Women Annual Legislative Breakfast assembles  
38. policy makers, industry leaders, and stakeholders for thought provoking conversation  
39. around real issues that directly affect Black women and their families.

40. **WHEREAS**, The NOBEL Women Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) is the  
41. organization’s annual meeting where more than 200 Black women legislators join  
42. industry leaders and stakeholders from around the country in dialogue on legislative and  
43. policy issues impacting the Black community. ALC provides a Black women perspective  
44. on public policy with thought-provoking and educational policy forums, community  
45. education workshops and policy briefs.

46. **WHEREAS**, NOBEL Women’s national STEM initiative, Girls, Gigabytes and Gadgets  
47. (3G), is an innovative, day-long series of workshops held in member districts throughout  
48. the country. 3G is designed to expose young women and girls of color to careers within  
49. the science, technology, engineering, arts/design and mathematics disciplines.

50. **WHEREAS**, The NOBEL Women Leadership Training and Educational Development  
51. Institute seeks to provide an educational and training forum exclusively for Black women  
52. in the areas of government and organizational leadership. The Leadership Institute

53. assembles a class of 25 -50 Black women annually in hopes of cultivating a new  
54. generation of Black women leaders.

55. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Organization of Black Elected  
56. Legislative Women will continue to be the premier organization of black elected  
57. legislative women that preserves the legacy of leadership and shaping the future of our  
58. country with exceptional knowledge character, courage and resolute few organizations  
59. have emulated;

60. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Organization of Black Elected  
61. Legislative Women will continue to communicate the needs of black women and girls to  
62. the media, legislature and government to affect change.

63. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Organization of Black Elected  
64. Legislative Women will continue to support opportunities that promote career, education  
65. and employment opportunities advancements for black women.

66. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the National Organization of Black Elected  
67. Legislative Women will work to ensure the enforcement of responsible programs and  
68. policies that meet the legal, social and political, economic, education and health needs of  
69. children, women and families.

**Introduced by the Honorable Karen Camper  
Tennessee General Assembly**