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"Renowned Women's Advocacy Organization Expands Reach into Greater Seattle Area"

Seattle, WA – September 13, 2021, a diverse group of 38 socially conscious and activist women were inducted into the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Greater Seattle Chapter.

The chartering ceremony, which was held on Sunday, September 12, 2021, marks the local chapter's emergence among the city's advocacy thought leaders.

According to Angela V. Harris, Chartering President, "The chartering of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. provides an even greater vehicle for women of this community to fortify their combined resources and efforts to promote and strengthen the empowerment and economic sustainability of Black women and girls."

The keynote speaker was <u>Seretha S. Tinsley</u>, National First Vice President, who urged the Greater Seattle Chapter to step up to the challenges in their community and deliver transformational programming in the areas of health, education, and economic empowerment. Special guest speakers were Representative Jamila Taylor, 30th Legislative District and Chair of Black Members Caucus; Representative Debra Entenman, 47th Legislative District; Representative April Berg, 44th Legislative District, Vice Chair House Finance Committee and 2nd Vice Chair Members of Color Caucus; City of Tacoma Mayor, Victoria Woodards and Margaret Meister, President and CEO, Symetra.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is a national organization founded October 1981 in New York City. Its mission "is to advocate on behalf of Black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment." NCBW has chartered over 75 chapters with a cumulative membership of more than 7,500 women, representing 28 states and the District of Columbia.

The Coalition's membership includes a diverse group of women who are physicians, attorneys, educators, journalists, accountants, municipal court judges, private entrepreneurs, university administrators, corporate managers and vice presidents, artists, media personalities, labor leaders, public relations specialists, and elected officials. This cross-section of dynamic, progressive women is reflective of the membership in each chapter of the Coalition.

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