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Press Release

Tallahassee NAACP Calls Community to Action at 40th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

TALLAHASSEE, FL — The Tallahassee Branch of the NAACP is proud to announce its 40th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, taking place on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center**. This year's theme, *"It's Time to Show Up!"*, calls on the community to stand united in the ongoing struggle for justice, equality, and the protection of civil rights.

The Freedom Fund Banquet is the premier fundraising and community recognition event for the Tallahassee NAACP. Each year, it brings together civic leaders, elected officials, faith leaders, educators, and community members to honor outstanding achievements, recognize contributions to civil rights and community empowerment, and reaffirm the fight against systemic racism and inequality.

"It is imperative that our community understands the importance of showing up," said Dr. Marlon Williams-Clark, President of the Tallahassee Branch NAACP. "This is not just a fundraising event—this is a call to action. We are living in a time when politicians are attempting to roll back hard-won rights, and it's not only Black people who are at risk—everyone's rights are under threat. We must show up and stand up for justice, for our community, and for the Constitution, continuing the work of making our society a more perfect union and holding our nation accountable to its promises while having a good time doing it."

Guests will enjoy an evening of inspiration with a keynote from [Bishop Quincy D Griffin, Sr.](#) of Family Worship & Praise Center, soul-stirring performances by

Tallahassee Nights Live, and the recognition of trailblazers whose leadership is shaping Tallahassee's future.

Proceeds from the Freedom Fund Banquet directly support the Tallahassee Branch NAACP's year-round work, including programs in civic engagement, youth empowerment, education equity, criminal justice reform, and economic development.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

Press seating will be available. Interviews with NAACP leadership and honorees can be arranged upon request. Please contact the event Chair, ChaKiara Tucker, at cltucker77@gmail.com or 404.771.0290 to RSVP and to arrange interviews.

About the NAACP Tallahassee Branch

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. The Tallahassee Branch of the NAACP was established on September 15, 1919 and continues to fight for political, educational, social, and economic equality for all people and to eliminate race-based discrimination. Through advocacy, community partnerships, and grassroots organizing, the branch works tirelessly to advance justice and build a stronger, more equitable Tallahassee.

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