



A Resolution supporting the BREATH Act

Committee: Social and Economic Justice

Resolution: SEJ-20-09

1. **WHEREAS** the Killings of George Flyod and Breanna Taylor shook the world to
2. to end police violence.
3. **WHEREAS** according to Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley “Police brutality and
4. the use of excessive and militarized force are among the most serious ongoing
5. human rights and civil liberties violations in the United States and have led to
6. community destabilization, a decrease in public safety, and the exacerbation of
7. structural inequities. Over the last two decades, the number of police killings has
8. increased dramatically. Since 2013, police officers have shot and killed roughly
9. 1000 people each year.¹ The rise in police brutality, racial profiling and excessive
10. use of force has come at a disproportionately high cost to communities of color.
11. The continued militarization of law enforcement agencies has only further
12. exacerbated and contributed to the crisis of police brutality and violence in
13. communities across the nation.”
14. **WHEREAS**, Nearly 250 women have been fatally shot by the police since 2015.
15. **WHEREAS**, Dr. Kimberle Crenshaw says black women have the highest amount
16. of homicides in the United States and the killings of these women go unnoticed
17. by the media.

18. WHEREAS, African American men fatally shot by the police are less likely to

19. pose an immediate threat to officers or society.

20. WHEREAS, African American children and teens were four times more likely to

21. be killed or injured by a firearm than their white peers.

22. WHEREAS according to Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley “In recent years, the

23. killings of Eric Harris, Anthony Hill, Oscar Grant, Aiyana Jones, DJ Henry, Rekia

24. Boyd, Eric Garner, John Crawford, Michael Brown, Dontre Hamilton, Akai

25. Gurley, Laquan McDonald, Tamir Rice, Antonio ZambranoMontes, Lavall Hall,

26. Freddie Gray, William Chapman, Sandra Bland, Sam Dubose, Jamar Clark, Mario

27. Woods, Greg Gunn, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Korryn Gaines, Terence

28. Crutcher, Keith Lamont Scott, Alfred Olango, Deborah Danner, Terrence

29. Coleman, Jocques Clemmons, Walter Scott, Jordan Edwards, Charleena Lyles,

30. Stephon Clark, Antwon Rose, Botham Jean, Atatiana Jefferson, Dreasjon Reed,

31. Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Tony McDade, and hundreds of others, and the

32. demonstrations that followed have brought sustained national attention to the

33. racially biased police violence against people in the United States.”

34. THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NOBEL Women supports

35. legislation that will distribute resources to communities and eliminate police

36. brutality.

Reference

https://pressley.house.gov/sites/pressley.house.gov/files/Resolution%20Condemning%20Police%20Brutality%20One%20Pager_Final2.pdf

**Introduced by The Honorable Sonya Harper
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