



**NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN  
ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE  
2015 RESOLUTIONS  
RESOLUTION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**WHEREAS**, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women defines economic empowerment as increasing the wisdom, authority and capacity of Black Women to create and sustain viable life styles, including stability in employment, housing and entrepreneurship in order to enjoy a higher quality of life to create wealth one generation at a time; and

**WHEREAS**, Achieving a social just policy that assures black women and their families with the lowest incomes have affordable and decent homes is consistent with the economic empowerment programs for NCBW; and

**WHEREAS**, renter households pay at least half of their income to housing costs which rose from 21%to 30%. African American Families who rent housing were disproportionately affected by these trends. When Black Families add utility expenses along with their housing costs, they are using 53% of their total income as reported by Institute on Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of housing affordability has been intensified to such a degree that today's poor families are facing a worst affordable crisis in generations. Low income black women are at a high risk of eviction especially those living in black neighborhoods. In Milwaukee, black women represent 9.6% of the population but 30% of the evictions as reported by Matthew Desmond, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Studies at Harvard University Research Project funded by the McArthur Foundation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Coalition of 100 Black Women implement the action as appropriate to the resources of the Chapter to advocate for policy makers to devote more resources to keeping renting families in their homes by accessing the American Recovery Act of 2009 and collaborate with community base rental associations to call for public funding for legal services to prevent evictions and homelessness.