

MENTORING

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. recognizes and understands that mentoring is one of the oldest forms of teaching; and our parents and grandparents are our earliest mentors; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. recognizes that mentoring is the establishment of supportive, healthy relationships formed between mentors and mentees both immediate and long-term contribute to a host of benefits for mentors and mentees; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies and research further reflect the mentoring programs schools and youth organizations offers, there is an increase in high school graduation rates, lower high school dropout rates, healthier relationships and lifestyle choices, better attitude about school, higher college enrollment rates, higher educational aspirations, enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence, improved behavior both at home and at school, stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers, improved interpersonal skills, and decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol, and a greater connectedness to their community and to their schools ; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. recognizes mentoring is more than the transfer of advice , knowledge and insight, it offers reciprocal benefits; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. recognizes that mentoring is an open vista of new experience and possibilities;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. seek partnerships with businesses, schools, and other youth service organizations and corporate sponsors to support the continuation of mentoring programs to ensure brighter futures for the young people.