

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS (STEM)

Whereas the National Coalition of 100 Black Women wants to ensure that educational institutions, employees and society as a whole create opportunities for Black girls and Black women to participate in a learning environment that promotes and heightens interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics;

Whereas STEM programs of study are typically classified based upon four educational clusters: Computer Technology, Mathematical Sciences, Engineering and Surveying, and Natural, Physical and Life Sciences; STEM programs in public schools must embrace the integration of technology and engineering in Science and Mathematics;

Whereas women continue to be vastly underrepresented in STEM careers; for this reason a forum for educators to further examine why so many girls choose not to pursue careers in STEM related fields, and even more important, how we can empower girls to shift this paradigm;

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Coalition of 100 Black Women shall make a collective commitment through each chapter and each member to work collaboratively with the education community to improve the knowledge and channel resources through community outreach and informational forums to ensure that girls and women are aware of this growing profession; and

Now therefore, be it further resolved that each NCBW chapter implements this action as it is appropriate to the resources of its local chapter and the needs of its members of the community.