

## **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**

**WHEREAS**, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the “women’s bill of rights” is a cornerstone of all United Nations Women’s programs; enacted on December 18, 1979 and entered into force on September 3, 1981 in accordance with article 27(1)1, more than 185 countries are parties to the Convention; to date the U.S. has not adopted the treaty and supported the ratification of CEDAW;

**WHEREAS**, the members of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. recognizes that the United States has been progressive in women’s rights, however, we think more can be done to strive towards authentic equal rights for Black women and girls worldwide; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition believes CEDAW strengthens the United States as a global leader in standing up for women and girls, and it affirms that women’s rights are human rights;

**FURTHER**, the Coalition has been a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) member of the United Nation Women’s Council for the past 25 years and has demonstrated advocacy and program interest in global equality and human rights for all women.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in the best interest of equal rights for all women in the world, that the members of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women in chapters across the country will directly request that national elected officials vote to adopt and ratify the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

### ***Article 27(CEDAW)***

*1. The present Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession. 1. <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw>*

**Submitted by the NCBW Public Policy Committee**