



PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

RESOLUTION TO HEAL AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS JESUS THE CHRIST, OUR GREAT PHYSICIAN AND EMANCIPATOR CAME THAT WE MIGHT "HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY" AND BASED ON OUR THEOLOGY OF JUSTICE AND LIBERATION THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION BELIEVES THAT WELLNESS FOR OUR PEOPLE CANNOT TAKE PLACE IN SICK AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS COVID-19 REVEALED THAT VIRUSES EXPOSE THE BROKEN PLACES IN THE BODY POLITIC THAT ALLOW SUFFERING TO SPREAD SO THAT RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE AND BEING BLACK IS A PREEXISTING CONDITION DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE, FOOD AND RECREATIONAL APARTHEID, DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTHCARE, IMPOVERISHED CONDITIONS, MICRO-AGGRESSIONS AND THE "BLACK TAX;" AND

WHEREAS THE PANDEMIC WAS NOT AN EQUALIZER, BUT A GREAT MAGNIFIER OF INSTITUTIONAL INIQUITY AND INEQUITY AS BLACK PEOPLE HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY DIED FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS DUE TO CO-MORBIDITIES AND RACISM IN HEALTH CARE; AND

WHEREAS OUR BELOVED DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DECLARED, "OF ALL THE FORMS OF INEQUALITY, INJUSTICE IN HEALTHCARE IS THE MOST SHOCKING AND INHUMANE;" AND
WHEREAS THE MORTALITY RATE OF BLACK WOMEN IN CHILDBIRTH IS THREE TO FOUR TIMES THAT OF WHITE WOMEN; AND

WHEREAS ON MAY 14, 2022, A RACIST TERRORIST DRESSED FOR WARFARE, AFTER DRIVING OVER THREE HUNDRED MILES TO A TOPS FRIENDLY SUPERMARKET IN A BLACK COMMUNITY IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SHOT AND KILLED TEN BLACK PEOPLE AND WOUNDED THREE OTHERS, WHILE LEAVING A COMMUNITY TRAUMATIZED AND EXPOSED THE VULNERABILITY OF BLACK COMMUNITIES TO SUCH RADICALIZED WHITE NATIONALISTS IN A DEEPLY DIVIDED NATION WHERE WHITE FRAGILITY HAS BEEN MOBILIZED AND EMBOLDENED BY THE VANQUISHED, TWICE IMPEACHED EX-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DONALD TRUMP; AND

WHEREAS COVID-19 AND THE MASS SHOOTING IN BUFFALO REVEAL THAT BLACK COMMUNITIES ARE UNHEALTHY AND UNPROTECTED IN A NATION THAT IS UNHINGED; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

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RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION CHALLENGES THE SURGEON GENERAL, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, AND THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO CREATE A CULTURE IN HEALTHCARE THAT VALUES ALL HUMANITY, WHILE WORKING TO ELIMINATE RACISM IN HEALTHCARE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION CALLS UPON CONGRESS TO PASS AN ANTI-BLACK HATE CRIMES LAW JUST AS THEY PASSED AN ANTI-ASIAN HATE CRIME BILL INTO LEGISLATION; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION WILL ADVOCATE FOR RACE SPECIFIC POLICIES THAT PROVIDE PROTECTION AND RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK COMMUNITIES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MARSHALL PLAN THAT HELPED TO REBUILD EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AFTER WORLD WAR II SO THAT BLACK COMMUNITIES WILL BE HEALTHY AND PROTECTED.



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