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RESOLUTION

**Blacks In Government® Calls On United States
President and Attorney General To Launch A
Criminal, Civil and Human Rights
Violation/Investigation Into The Death of Eric
Garner by the New York City Police Department**

WHEREAS, The National Organization of Blacks In Government, was incorporated in 1976 as a non-profit employee advocacy and professional development organization, now seeking to represent 2.5 million current and retired government workers throughout all levels of government to include public and private industry, collaborating on issues of mutual concern and by utilizing collective strengths in confronting workplace and community issues; and

WHEREAS, The BIG National Constitution Goals & Objectives clearly state "to eliminate practices of racism and racial discrimination against Blacks in government; and

WHEREAS, the NYPD is a municipal government organization sworn to protect and serve the New York community and should be free of any and all racial and discriminatory practices; and

WHEREAS, A recent report by the American Civil liberties Union indicates widespread racial disparities in New York City depicting the arrest and incarceration of black verses white Americans for certain drug offenses; and

WHEREAS, In July 2014, millions of Americans observed a video of depicting New York Police Department (NYPD) White officers placing Eric Garner a Black American and New York resident in a chokehold prohibited by NYPD since 1993 which, appears to have ultimately caused the death of Eric Garner while he actually stated several times to the police officers, "***I can't breath!***"; and,

WHEREAS, A subject matter expert and retired Federal law enforcement official/BIG Officer has advised the BIG National President, that in his professional opinion the entire incident as depicted in the video is highly probable of criminal, civil and human rights violations involving, improper police tactical procedures to include, the emergency medical response not provided to Eric Garner; and,

WHEREAS, BIG stands in solidarity with the outrage of New York citizens and organizational leaders all across America with mutual concerns, having seen time and time again videos depicting Black and Brown Americans being subject to suspect police arrest procedures resulting in death or great physical harm of Black and Brown Americans; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BIG will write a letter asking the President of the United States and the U.S. Attorney General to launch a full scale criminal, civil and human rights violation probe into this incident; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the letter will ask the Attorney General to provide Americans with National community policing guidelines that will help to alleviate the growing fears and perceptions of many Black and Brown Americans that police nationwide are not carrying out their motto to "protect & serve" Black & Brown American people and, are in fact, creating a hostile environment for many Black & Brown Americans, and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, A written copy of this resolution is to be delivered to the NAACP, the Black Leadership Forum and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Submitted by:

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