



# Blacks In Government® 2016 National Delegates Assembly Atlantic City, New Jersey



## RESOLUTION

### **BIG Supports the H.R. 1498 - “End Racial Profiling Act of 2017” Sponsored by the Honorable John Conyers and Co-Sponsored by Seventy-Three (73) Members of the United States House of Representatives**

**WHEREAS**, the National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG), was incorporated in 1976, as a 501©3 non-profit organization to, educate and advocate on behalf of federal, state and municipal government employees and today, BIG seeks to represent 2.5 million public and private civil servants by continuing to address discrimination in the workplace and its effect on public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Statistical data compiled by the U.S. Department of Justice, FBI and other government and private organizations continues to show a pattern and practice of extreme disparate impact upon racial ethnic groups and individuals,

**WHEREAS**, Daily news, social media and other reporting entities depict over aggressive policing, excessive force and targeting by law enforcement entities on a constant basis against ethnic and racial minorities,

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Fogg, a retired Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal and a CNN, FOX News, MSNBC guest law enforcement analyst, along with other law enforcement experts have reported first hand, past experiences of Federal, State and Municipal operations involving dangerous racial profiling of ethnic minorities that specifically targeted minority communities in the government operation known as the, “*War On Drugs*”,

**WHEREAS**, Because of the disproportionate numbers of ethnic minorities killed by police has created a legitimate fear of police and, if not for themselves, for their children and grandchildren in America which, has caused the birth of a movement known as, “*Black Lives Matter*”,

**WHEREAS**, A recent decision (June 2017), by a state jury, acquitted a Minnesota Police Officer charged with Manslaughter in the death of Philando Castile, a black male in the presence of his girlfriend and young daughter after Castile appear to follow lawful orders by the police officer during a routine vehicle traffic stop,

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1498 “*End Racial Profiling Act of 2017*” was promulgated to address the fears and concerns by ethnic minorities from a disparate impact of police racial profiling,

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1498 as defined under six (VI) major Titles, prohibits racial profiling and requires Federal, State, local, and Indian tribal law enforcement to develop programs to eliminate all forms of racial profiling as stipulated in this bill,

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1498 requires the United States Attorney General to issue regulations and guidelines for the operation of administrative complaint procedures and independent audit programs to ensure appropriate response to allegations of racial profiling by law enforcement agents or agencies and mandates that government grants can be withheld from any law enforcement entity found to be in noncompliance,

**WHEREAS**, the United States Attorney General in consultation with stakeholders, including Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and community, professional, research, and civil rights organizations, shall issue regulations for the collection of compilation of specific data to determine patterns and practices in racial profiling investigations,

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics shall provide to Congress and make available to the public, together with each annual report mandated by this bill, the data collected pursuant to this Act excluding any personal identifiable information described in this legislation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

In furtherance of its advocacy mission, BIG endorses H.R. 1498 - End Racial Profiling Act of 2017. Legislative Bill > <http://tinyurl.com/yalw6kgm>

- (1) That the National President of Blacks In Government will write a letter to the Honorable John Conyers, House of Representatives Judiciary Committee; thanking him for sponsoring this legislation and asking Conyers to notify the 73 Congressional Supporters that BIG has endorsed H.R. 1498,
- (2) Write the President of the United States asking him to support H.R. 1498,
- (3) Write the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives asking him to support H.R. 1498,
- (4) Write the Chairman of the U.S. Senate asking him to support H.R. 1498 in the Senate version, and
- (5) The BIG National President will create a committee to specifically report on Federal, State & Local police matters that create hostility towards Black Americans.

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