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PRESS RELEASE
JANUARY 31, 2024
FROM:

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SUBJECT:
World Conference Convenes in Historic Eatonville, FL

World and National leaders, were trained at The World Conference of Mayors, Inc. (WCM)/Historic Black Towns And Settlements Alliance, Inc. (HBTSA)/National Business League, Inc.(NBL)/National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBC), Annual Meeting, Jan. 24-28, 2024, in the historic Black town of Eatonville, FL, “The Town that Freedom Built”. According to WCM and HBTSA Founder, Former Tuskegee Mayor, now Councilman, Johnny Ford, “We were pleased to contribute to the local Eatonville economy by actually convening our World Conference in the historic town of Eatonville. We were welcomed by the town Mayor, Honorable Angie Gardner, and the City Council, who opened up their “Holy Halls”, homes, and hearts, to welcome the world to historic Eatonville, founded in 1887, as the first Black town in Florida. It is now also the home of the nationally renowned Annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival.

The theme of the Conference was, “*Mayors, other public officials, and business leaders, training and collaborating to face the challenges in the cities and towns of the world, in 2024 and beyond.*” In attendance were delegates from across America, as well as from Africa, Haiti, Taiwan, Canada, together with top officials from Washington, DC, and the diplomatic community. The Conference, in person, and virtually, provided information, technical assistance, and resources, that the Mayors and other leaders could take back to their cities and towns.

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The WCM, founded in 1984, provides support to Mayors in 7 key areas: 1. Trust, 2. Trade, 3. Tourism, 4. Technology, 5. Twin Cities, 6. Treasury, and 7. Training : The Seven T's. The HBTSA, founded in 2014 provides support to Mayors and other officials in 3 ways, called the 3 P's: To 1. Preserve, 2. Protect, and 3. Promote, the rich African American culture, and heritage, in the Historic Black Towns And Settlements of the world.

The Conference of 3 days, culminated with the Annual Zora Festival. At the closing session of the Conference, both the Officers, the Board, and the membership of the WCM, and the separate Officers, Board and membership of the HBTSA, were sworn in by Founder Ford. Some of the noted leaders attending the Conference were: Mayor Alberta McCrory, Mayor of historic Hobson City, AL, President of the HBTSA; Mayor Jimmie Gardner, Mayor of Prichard, AL, President of The WCM; Former Mayor of Grambling, La., Ed Jones, Vice President of the HBTSA; Former Mayor of Prairie View, TX, Frank Jackson, Vice President of International Affairs for The WCM; Dr. Abdoulaye Mbengue, Vice President of The WCM for Africa, from Senegal; Dr. Kenneth Harris, President of the National Business League, Inc., (NBL); Charles DeBow, Jr., President, the National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBC); Mayor Darrin Canniff, Mayor of Chatham /Kent, Ontario, Canada; Director General Charles C. Y. Chou, Taipei Economic Office, Miami; Director Phyllis Dickerson, The African American Mayors Association (AAMA), Washington, D.C.; Dr. Monde Muyangwa, Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Africa at USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development). In addition to Ford, Mayor McCrory, and Mayor Gardner, the AL delegation included, Mayor Riely Evans, Mayor of North Courtland, AL, President of the AL Conference of Black Mayors; Mayor Henry Peavy, Mayor of Franklin AL; Mayor Roderick Clark, Mayor of Union Springs, AL. These and other Mayors, officials, and leaders from around the world were in attendance.

The Conference adopted numerous resolutions, including: The support of Global Foster Care for children; The support of peace in the Middle East; Support for Taiwan for being a major US trading partner; A National Holliday for Rosa Parks to be the first woman so honored; Support for Women's right to choose; A call for giving priority to Climate Change; Support of an end to gun violence, and a call for gun safety; Support for the John Lewis Voting Rights Act; Resolution of appreciation to Korea , home of Samkee International, which is building a 130, million dollar automobile parts plant in Tuskegee, AL; along with other resolutions.

According to Founder, Ford, " The WCM/HBTSA will reconvene during The WCM 's 2024, 40th Anniversary year, in Atlanta, GA, during the 124th Annual Meeting, August 21-25, 2024, of the National Business League, founded in 1900 by Dr. Booker T. Washington, and now led by its President, Dr. Kenneth Harris. The WCM/HBTSA will also meet in 2024 in Lagos, Nigeria, as a co-convenor, with Africa's Brain Bank International Conference, Chaired by its CEO, The Reverend Dr. Pam Fomunung. **We invite the world to join us on the journey toward truly establishing *The United Nations of Cities.***"

Please find attached to this e-mail official group pictures of the Conference attendees.