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### NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE PASSING OF ACTOR MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS

WASHINGTON, DC ---- September 9, 2021 ---- **Dr. E. Faye Williams**, National President of the National Congress of Black Women (NCBW), its Board of Directors and members will honor Michael K. Williams on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at their 37th Annual Awards Ceremony, themed "Through It All, We're Still Standing."

Dr. Williams says: *"It is with heavy hearts we received the news of the passing of our Dick Gregory Good Brother awardee, **Michael K. Williams**. He was among those to be honored at our September 19, 2021 Awards Ceremony. He had pre-recorded his acceptance remarks. They are very touching and we want those in attendance at our virtual event to hear what are among his last words. Michael was a kind person who exemplified community involvement and was an exceptional actor and activist. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Williams' family, friends and loved ones. He will be missed for the great work he did and the work he'd planned to do."*

According to Awards Committee Chair **Dr. Theresa Buckson**, "Michael will be honored with NCBW's Good Brother Award for his commitment to philanthropy, community involvement and his award winning accomplishments as an actor." To obtain tickets, to donate or get more information about NCBW, see [nationalcongressbw.org](http://nationalcongressbw.org) for details."

Other honorees for the event will be **Congresswomen Nikema Williams, Cori Bush and Marilyn Strickland** who will receive NCBW's Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm Award. Others to be honored are **Mayor Muriel Bowser**, NEA President **Rebecca Pringle**, Moderna Lead Researcher **Dr. Kizzy Corbett**, Black Voters Matter Fund and Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute Co-Founder **LaTosha Brown**, Fashion Designer Extraordinaire **B. Michael** and WNBA Vice-President and Co-Owner of the Atlanta Dream **Renee Montgomery**. Among entertainers for the event are **Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr., Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye, Dr. Sonja Fuqua** and the **Greater Works Praise Team**.

**Tamika Mallory** will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The 2021 NCBW Awards Ceremony will deliver a virtual experience following the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Weekend event.

#### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN**

Founded in 1984 by Dr. C. DeLores Tucker and first chaired by Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, NCBW is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit community service organization. It is the organization responsible for erecting a bust of Sojourner Truth in the United States Capitol making her the first Black woman so honored. More information about NCBW can be found at [nationalcongressbw.org](http://nationalcongressbw.org). Follow @ncbw on FB, Instagram and Twitter.

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