

## Resolution Recognizing the National Black United Front on 43 Years of Service to the Community

The Kansas City chapter of the National Black United Front was founded in October, 1981. October, 2024, marked the 43rd year of its existence. In those 43 years, NBUF-KC has been in the forefront of many struggles and has participated in numerous others. NBUF-KC has earned the respect of Kansas City's Black community over the years and has gained a reputation for its integrity and uncompromising commitment to the liberation of African people.

During its 43-year history has participated in struggles pertaining to African-Centered education, reparations, international issues, economic justice, electoral politics, Black women's liberation, the criminal injustice system, youth development, political education and many others. On a national level, we have hosted six National Black United Front conventions in Kansas City. Seven members – Leon Dixon, Samori Toure, Sandra Dean, Ajamu Webster, Mickey Dean, Tashia Brooks and Shafeeqa Small – have received the prestigious Maurice Bishop Pan African Heroes and Heroines Award, given each year to a member of NBUF for outstanding service to the Black Liberation Movement over the years.

NBUF-KC has worked on and is currently working on a number of projects. Including being instrumental in establishing the We Development Credit Union which opened last year. This will allow those in our community who are currently unbanked to have a financial institution available to them. NBUF-KC developed the Black In Love initiative to encourage healthy relationships between Sisters and Brothers and sponsor the Simba Na Falami mentor programs for young Sisters and Brothers. We initiated the Weekend of the Malkia, our tribute to the tremendous role that our Sisters play in our liberation movement. Since 1989 NBUF-KC has held a monthly community forum where members of our community come together to discuss and act on the key issues facing African people worldwide.

The Black United Front has established many traditions and holidays on the local level. We sponsor the Annual Citywide Kwanzaa celebration and the Umoja Karamu (Unity Feast). In 2020, sponsoring the first RBG Motorcade in honor of the anniversary of the Red, Black and Green flag.

KCBUF has played a leading role in making our struggle an international one. Including developing the Kansas City Anti-Apartheid Network, the organization that led the Free South Africa work in the city. We have participated in international conferences on the African continent and in other places such as Granada, Libya and Cuba. We have supported liberation movements in Africa, Central America, the Caribbean and Palestine. We participated in the World Conference Against Racism in South Africa. We will continue our efforts to link our struggle with the struggles of all oppressed people who struggle against world-wide imperialism.

The Black United Front has demonstrated its commitment to education throughout its 43-year existence. In addition to its work for African Centered Education, KCBUF has worked on a number of district-wide issues that involve the education of Black children. With three of its members serving on the Kansas City school district as members of its board of directors, and have other members who have been classroom teachers, paraprofessionals and members of the administration. In electoral politics, NBUF-KC members have served on the city council and in the Missouri state legislature.

NBUF-KC and its members have received many awards over the years from schools, churches, political organizations and governmental agencies. These awards are testament to the years of dedication and commitment to the struggle of our people.