

## RESOLUTION FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK COUNTY OFFICIALS, INC. (NOBCO)

The National Organization of Black County Officials, Inc. (NOBCO) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded in 1982 to provide resources to empower and transform communities into more sustainable ones.

This month, NOBCO celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> annual Economic Development Conference, a premier gathering of Black elected and appointed county leaders focused on economic development, leadership, and policy solutions.

The 2026 edition will feature national and local community leaders, educational sessions, networking opportunities, and a clearinghouse of best practices in government and economic development.

The NOBCO corporation has its roots in the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO), which was founded in 1975 as a membership association to bring focus to the nation's communities led by African American elected and appointed representatives.

Both organizations are affiliates of the National Association of Counties (NACo), the only advocacy organization representing the 3,069 counties in America, founded in 1935.

NOBCO supports the service to counties and communities of elected and appointed county officials throughout the United States by providing education, training, and a clearinghouse of best practices in government.

The primary focus areas of NOBCO are health equity, civil rights, economic development, public safety, and environmental justice.

NOBCO serves more than 3,000 black elected and appointed county officials in America.

NOBCO also provides education and training to black county officials, other government officials, representatives from community-based organizations, and concerned citizens.

NOBCO provides services as an information clearinghouse for organizational concerns and provides a programmatic and project structure to educate, train, and assist government officials and community leaders.