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FROM: Mayor Shawn Maldon, President

DATE: March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: MBM COVID-19 STATEMENT

On behalf of Maryland Black Mayors, Inc. (MBM) we realize that the novel Coronavirus (or COVID-19) has taken, not only Marylanders, but all Americans by surprise. We are committed to excellence in representation and pledge to do our part to curve this pandemic. Safety is our number one concern. Marching in synch with our state and local government leaders, we have limited all activities calling fo us to gather. For example, we have postponed our inaugural conference, The Innovator Conference—we will provide a new date/time as soon as possible. We encourage all our constituents to practice social-distancing, to stay home and shelter-in-place as much as possible, and to practice proper hygiene by washing your hands often and, perhaps, one of the hardest, but necessary measures that we are taking during this time is to refrain from shaking hands.

As we serve our constituents and execute our responsibilities as mayors of our respective municipalities, we are doing so to the best of our abilities, with the resources we have. Still, we are depending on the support of our County Executives/Council, Offices of Emergency Management, the Health Departments, social services and other county wide departments and agencies throughout Maryland. With weakened immune systems and many elderly residents, many of our areas are among the most vulnerable respecting COVID-19.

We will hold conference calls to address specific needs for the communities we serve. Further, we are attending county, state, and federal conference calls to stay on top of this crisis. Times are hard right now. However, we will get through this. We will get through this together.