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The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey
Congratulates Senator Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party's
Vice Presidential Candidate for the
2020 Presidential Election

The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey (ABWL-NJ) congratulates Senator Kamala Harris, a fellow attorney, on her selection as the first Black woman vice presidential candidate for a major party. She has the skills, competence, compassion and knowledge of a true leader. As a former district attorney and Former California Attorney General - the nation's largest attorney general's office - Senator Harris's impressive professional trajectory has garnered admiration and served as an exceptional example for Black women and girls who aspire to enter the legal profession and politics. Her personal and professional experiences will provide a perspective that is representative of our nation's diverse population.

We also thank Joe Biden, the Democratic presumptive Presidential nominee, for selecting a Black woman as his running mate. The notable absence of a Black woman on a presidential ticket of a major party is symbolic of the lack of equality Black women experience in all sectors of society. ABWL-NJ's founders sought to address these inequities and to that end created a support system when they established the organization in 1975. Since that time, we have advocated for the appointment of Black women and other people of color to the bench, as County Prosecutors and other administrative and executive positions.

It is a shining moment for the Black community that Presumptive Nominee Biden has seized the opportunity to recognize the hard work and commitment of Black women to our democracy. Black women have worked tirelessly for a seat at the table of political power and to further empower the voices of Black women in our communities. It is particularly important to have diversity at all

levels of state, local and federal government, where the most critical issues are being addressed and policies are formulated that will impact the nation's citizens for years to come.

ABWL-NJ also acknowledges the importance of Presumptive Nominee Biden having several Black women on his list of potential running mates, all of whom were more than capable of performing the duties of the position. We all look forward to witnessing these accomplished women continue to serve the community and this democracy and be role models for millions of young girls to pursue excellence in their careers and to aspire for political offices locally, statewide and nationally.

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The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey is New Jersey's First Women's Bar Association. We are committed to educating, empowering and encouraging the voices of Black women in all aspects of society.

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