

Resolution of the ASALH Florida Coalition

Whereas, controversy exist surrounding the recent election of members to the Executive Council of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and

Whereas, this controversy arises on the threshold of the opening of the 108th Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association, and

Whereas, the existence of this controversy threatens to disrupt the Annual meeting and Conference, posing irreparable damage to its reputation and mission, and to the legacy and vision of our founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, and

Whereas, the likelihood of resolving this controversy, in the midst of the many meetings, Conference programs and celebrations, is highly unlikely,

THEREFORE, we, the members of the ASALH Florida Coalition, having met on September 17, 2023, and by unanimous vote of the members attending, respectfully request that the Executive Council, and any Committees of said Council, suspend and or table, as the Council's process may provide, any and all consideration of the recent election, and the controversy surrounding it, until the conclusion of the **108th Annual Meeting and Conference**.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel Gillis, President of the James Weldon Johnson Branch and David Wilkins, President of the Manasota ASALH branch, on behalf of the ASALH Florida Coalition.

Dated: September 18, 2023