PROCLAMATION RECOGNITION FOR
THE HONORABLE DARLENE H. YOUNG

WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young was elected by her peers and delegates in 2004 as the National President of Blacks In Government, Inc.® (BIG), successfully serving two terms from 2005 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young, as the National President of Blacks In Government, Inc®. (BIG), in 2006, had the honor and added distinction of the BIG® organization being awarded the Diamond Pinnacle Award by The Empowerment Network, a premier cross-networking organization dedicated to empowering others through information sharing and sponsoring networking events, for BIG®’s long standing achievements in support, encouragement, and advancement of African Americans through programs, events, and activities; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young in 2007 had the keen insight, foresight, and vision, founded the Darlene H. Young Leadership Academy developmental program designed to develop future public service leaders through on-site assessment, experiential learning, and individual development activities and opportunities, now in its 13th year of execution; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young was elected by her peers and delegates in 2012 to the BIG® Distinguished Service Hall of Fame (DSHOF), providing her with the title of “The Honorable Darlene H. Young,” the highest honor which can be bestowed upon any single member of BIG for individuals who have distinguished themselves in making exceptional contributions at the National, Regional, and/or Chapter levels of BIG®; and
WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young was again elected by her peers and delegates in 2012 as the first twice elected National President of Blacks In Government, Inc.® (BIG), successfully serving two more terms from 2013 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young as the National President of Blacks In Government, Inc.® (BIG), in 2015, facilitated the final mortgage payment on BIG®’s National Headquarters Building at 3005 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001, two years in advance of final mortgage due date; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Darlene H. Young, exemplified commitment to excellence and being recognized for her leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities, in 2017, was elected by her peers as the Chairwoman of BIG®’s National Board of Directors, successfully serving four consecutive years; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we commend Honorable Darlene H. Young for her loyal service to the National Organization of Blacks In Government® and that this proclamation be historically inscribed into the archives of its history, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, we, the National Organization of Blacks In Government, Inc.® (BIG), extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the dedication, commitment, resolve, mental fortitude, and loyalty bestowed on this organization by the Honorable Darlene H. Young.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the National Executive Committee and National Board of Directors of Blacks In Government®, do hereby proclaim August 23-29, 2020 as

“The Honorable Darlene H. Young Celebration Week throughout the United States”

Respectfully submitted on August 23, 2020

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