February 14, 2020

The Honorable Jonny Ford

World Conference of Mayors

National Conference of Black Mayors

Dear Mayor Ford,

Many thanks for sharing the World Interfaith Harmony Month Proclamation at the recent Florida conference and for encouraging mayors from around the country to participate in this month and its expansion into the American Diversity Report New Beginnings project.

As we enter a new decade, it’s an honor to join forces with the World Conference of Mayors and the Black Townships to create international partnerships encompassing every culture, race, faith, and gender on the face of the earth. We stand ready to deploy advances in technology to transcended the barriers of time and distance in order to expand our social and economic growth, and our cultural ties to the global community.

With open communication, mutual respect, sincere understanding, and unilateral cooperation, our goal is to promote peace and counteract hate. We affirm our commitment to interfaith harmony, religious liberty, and tolerance for diverse traditions and beliefs, all of which contribute to our continued strength and growing prosperity.

We agree to serve on an international partnership to develop a "New Beginning" in 2020 where cities establish Councils Against Hate to replace violence and killing and anti-terrorism training protects citizens so that they can rise to their potential where we all realize our shared humanity.