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NBCI's 34,000 Black Churches Declare Mayor Rahm Emanuel Morally Unfit to Continue as Mayor

*NBCI supports Illinois State Representative La Shawn K. Ford's request
for federal investigation*

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans calls on Mayor Rahm Emanuel to resign. NBCI President points to Emanuel's lack of moral authority to as the reason he can no longer stay as leader of Chicago.

Citing Emanuel's disregard for African American men and their lives following Chicago police shootings are at the center of NBCI's demand that he step down.

“Rahm Emanuel spent his moral authority when he, the police chief, and state attorney decided that Laquan McDonald was just another dead Black boy who did not have any value” said Rev. Anthony Evans, NBCI President. “They do not want America to see how African American men, no matter their psychological state, are systematically and brutally gunned down at-will by murderous, racist white cops. They crossed moral lines three times when they decided not fully disclose all of the evidence in this the case to the general public. They made the political decision that yet another dead Black young male does not deserve a constitutionally-mandated investigation. Their disrespect for children's lives is abhorrent.”

Rev. Evans went on to declare unequivocally that “Mayor Emmanuel should be defined as the number one threat to all Black children in Chicago if he willing with such callously cover up the shooting of a child. His apology rang hollow so long after the fact. He knows that President Obama will condone his behavior despite the human cost to the Black community.”

The Black Church cannot and will not allow anyone to arbitrarily decide on the value of anyone's humanity. Therefore we must use the full moral authority that God and Christ afford us to rid our society of evil. The mayor, the police chief and the state attorney represent evil, **and they must step down**. As the Bible predicts, what was hidden shall come to light. And now we see the modern manifestation of evil in our public officials.

“The church has no other choice than to do what it can to rid society of this evil. But they are not without hope; there is redemption in Jesus Christ our Lord” said Rev. Evans. “We do pray that God will forgive Emanuel and his cohorts. But, we must remind all of them that there are consequences to your actions. God may decide He is the best teacher for you at the moment. The church must obey God and call for the mayor to resign immediately from his position so that he can devote his full time to repairing his soul.”

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.