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NBCI Lends Its 34,000 Church Coalition to Overturn *Stand Your Ground Law* in Florida

*Black Church Vows to Get Job Done by Any Means Necessary
Democratically*

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 has authorized 3500 black churches in Florida to work with Representative Alan Williams to overturn the Stand Your Ground Law.

The most important living memorial for Trayvon Martin, his family, and every black youth in Florida and across the country is for the church to use its extraordinary power to overturn and kill the Stand Your Ground Law. This law has caused great legal complications for prosecutors.

The Rev. Anthony Evans said, "From the time this incident has happened, we have vowed to bring justice for our little black boys and we will not stop until it is done by any means necessary- non-violence."

Florida Democratic State Rep. Alan Williams has introduced a bill in the legislature that would do away with the Stand Your Ground defense, which law enforcement personnel and district attorneys have said makes their job harder in prosecuting shootings. Many believe the Florida legislature won't overturn the law, but changes have been bandied about by the Republican majority, which is a good thing...The death of Trayvon exposed the [American Legislative Exchange Council](#) (ALEC), a shadowy, corporate-funded group that has been one of the leading

forces behind stand-your-ground laws. Once the light hit them, their involvement in other issues, such as voter ID laws, was made public.”¹

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 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. 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.

¹ Roland Martin. “Trayvon Martin Did Not Die in Vain,” CNN online. February 26, 2013. <http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/25/opinion/martin-trayvon-martin/index.html>