



# City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) is the premier African American law enforcement organization in the country, with over 56 national chapters, including three located in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS the original NOBLE organization was formed in September of 1979 during a three day conference, where experts in law enforcement sought to address the larger issue of crime within the urban, American context; and

WHEREAS sixty of those conference attendees were to become the founders of NOBLE, including the City of Pittsburgh's first, African American Police Chief William H. Moore; and

WHEREAS NOBLE's membership consists of federal, state, county, local, campus, school, corrections, and civilian personnel, who work together in order to deal with issues surrounding fairness in the administration of justice, police-community relationships, and the hiring, promotion, and retention of quality, African American law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS these members continue to grow professionally through ongoing training and attempt to make this training available to the larger law enforcement community, while simultaneously studying, researching, debating, and acting on those socioeconomic issues that give rise to crime and violence; and

WHEREAS under the leadership of the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Assistant Chief Maurita Bryant, the Pittsburgh Chapter of NOBLE was formed and chartered in 1999; and

WHEREAS the current President of Pittsburgh's NOBLE chapter is former Assistant Deputy Chief of the Office of Attorney General Rev. Eugene C. Beard, Jr.; and

WHEREAS the City of Pittsburgh, as hosted by the Pittsburgh Chapter of NOBLE, is being considered as a possible site for the 2013 NATIONAL NOBLE CONVENTION.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to extend a sincere invitation to the 2013 NATIONAL NOBLE CONVENTION, while additionally pledging its fullest support to the organization, if Pittsburgh is indeed selected as the 2013 NATIONAL NOBLE CONVENTION location.