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## **COMMUNITY BASED SECTION CHARTERING CEREMONY**

**Presiding Officer:** Dear NCNW members, we are about to embark upon a very special moment in the stellar history of the National Council of Negro Women. Dr. Bethune, in 1935, envisioned a powerful organization of organizations; in 1937 she fulfilled her vision of a vast and powerful organization with the establishment of Sections.

Today, upon your request and the approval of your application by the Executive Board, we are establishing an official Section of the National Council of Negro Women to be called, \_\_\_\_\_.

Listen to the purposes of NCNW.

**Executive Committee Member:** The purposes of the National Council of Negro Women are to:

- Unite non- profit national organizations of women in a council of national organizations primarily concerned with the welfare of women of African descent.



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- Promote unity among women's national organizations (and Sections) and among all women and girls in matters affecting the educational, cultural, economic, social, and spiritual life in America.
- Build a common fellowship of women devoted to the task of developing creative relations among people at home and aboard; and
- Serve as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of information concerning the activities of organized women.

**Presiding Officer:** According to the NCNW Bylaws, as a community based section, you shall consist of and maintain at least \_\_\_ members and meet all requirements listed in the NCNW Bylaws.

NCNW'S history is voluminous with many milestones. From its beginning in 1935 at the 137<sup>th</sup> Street Branch of the YWCA, the organization has been and is a powerful channel through which women, regardless of education, economic status, or title, serve as a powerful group to respond to and advocate for women of African American descent and their families. This mission has lasted to \_\_\_ **years** as of today. The founding of NCNW was a watershed moment in the history of Afro- America. Mrs.



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Bethune headed the organization from 1935- 1949, and her imprint and influence are solidly present today. You, the chartering members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Section, will carry the banner and help to bring to fruition her dream and vision, underscoring NCNW as an intergenerational organization.

Will a member of the Executive Committee please present the chartering members?

**Executive Committee Member:** Madam Chair, it is my honor to present the following persons to become the charter members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Section of NCNW. (Name them in alpha order)

**Presiding Officer:** Members of NCNW residing in \_\_\_\_\_, you have met the requirements for the chartering of a section. By the power vested in me, I hereby declare the \_\_\_\_\_ Section of NCNW duly chartered. Please stand and raise your right hand and repeat after me:

As a Charter Member of this chapter, I will honestly uphold NCNW's mission, vision, values, and principles. I will do best to dignify and maintain the section's place on this community, and this I promise.



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**Presiding Officer:** I hereby present you with the official charter; now will each come forward, as your names are called and sign as a charter member.

(All sign)

**Presiding Officer:** Installs the new officers. (See Installation Ceremony)

**Presiding Officer:** Congratulations on this milestone! (Ask all to applaud.)

Madam President of the newly formed section, please take the gavel and conduct your first meeting.

**New Section President:** Conducts the first meeting. Expresses appreciation and briefly tells of some of the plans and announces when the next meeting will take place.

**New President:** I now call for a motion to adjourn this first meeting.

Adjourn.

*(A small reception or any form of celebration may follow.  
All optional.)*