



NATIONAL
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PROCLAMATION



January 31, 2024

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that we acknowledge the passing of the great Dr. Orlando L. Taylor, a valued member, distinguished leader, and Past President of the National Communication Association;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor served as a mentor and advocate for historically marginalized groups within the field of Communication;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor served with honor, dedication, and distinction, leaving an indelible mark on the history of the National Communication Association;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor was as a founding member and pioneer of the National Communication Association's Black Caucus, which started in 1968 with the goal of involving more Black people in the Association, recruiting Black students, hiring Black faculty members, and initiating the development of Black people's academic interests in the field of Communication;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor was deeply involved in the creation of the National Communication Association's affirmative action initiatives;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor became the first Black President of the National Communication in 1999;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor paved the way for other Black people to serve in leadership positions within the National Communication Association;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor's legacy will forever be entrenched in the National Communication Association with the endowed Orlando L. Taylor Distinguished Scholarship Award in Africana Communication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Communication Association expresses its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and entire Communication discipline for the profound loss of a revered family member, friend, mentor, colleague, leader, advocate, and scholar;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize and commend the lifetime of service and dedication that Dr. Taylor provided to the field of Communication;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Dr. Orlando L. Taylor as a token of our collective grief and gratitude.

Dr. Marnel Niles Goins
President, National Communication Association