

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 12

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:
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SYNOPSIS

Urges support and protection for African-American women.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging support and protection for African-
2 American women.
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4 **WHEREAS**, On the night of December 4, 2020 at approximately 8:30
5 p.m., 36-year-old Aieshia McFadden was found outside a liquor
6 store in Jersey City with a fatal gunshot wound to her torso; and
7 **WHEREAS**, It has been reported that the Hudson County prosecutor
8 identified the man arrested and charged in the suspected murder of
9 Aieshia McFadden, as Thaddues Williams, 37, of East Orange; and
10 **WHEREAS**, Ms. McFadden was an African-American woman and a
11 mother to four children; and
12 **WHEREAS**, She was described as a woman who loved, and was
13 devoted to, her children; and
14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. McFadden was a cafeteria worker at Lincoln High
15 School. According to the principal, she had a great relationship
16 with the kids in the building and was a part of the school and its
17 culture; and
18 **WHEREAS**, It has been reported that Ms. McFadden was touched
19 inappropriately by a man in the liquor store prior to being shot; and
20 **WHEREAS**, According to Now.org, for African American women like
21 Ms. McFadden, sexual assault and violence are pervasive issues
22 that routinely go unreported and under-addressed; and
23 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to issue a
24 call to action to protect and support African-American women who
25 stand up and advocate for themselves in the face of violence,
26 injustice, and persecution; now, therefore,

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28 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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30 1. This House requests action to protect and support African-
31 American women who stand up and advocate for themselves in the
32 face of violence, injustice, and persecution.

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34 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
35 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
36 Commissioner of Human Services and the Attorney General.

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39 **STATEMENT**

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41 This resolution urges support and protection for African-
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