

## African American/Black Professionals & Community Network (AABPCN)

### Covenant for Community Expectations and Responsibility

I pledge to work with and stand in unity with other positive African American/Black people in order to secure **Human and Civil Rights** for all Black Men/Women, Boys/Girls, and Black families. My signature affirms that I will:

- ◆ Value Myself and Other Black Men and Women
- ◆ Value Black Life and Not Participate in the Genocide of Black people
- ◆ Love and Respect all Members of My Family and Spend Quality Time with My Children
- ◆ Work with Others to Increase Positive Images of Black Men/Women and the Black Community
- ◆ Complete High School and Invest in Ongoing Educational Pursuits in and out of the Classroom
- ◆ Dress in a Manner that Respects Myself and my Community
- ◆ Honor my Body by Getting Regular Medical Care, Including Annual HIV/AIDS Testing
- ◆ Maintain a Healthy Mind by Refraining from Drugs and Alcohol ABUSE
- ◆ Continually Seek Employment, Job Training, and Career Advancement
- ◆ Make Positive Contributions to the World, Like My Ancestors Before Me
- ◆ Support and Advocate for the Increase of Marriage in the Black Community
- ◆ Refrain from Involvement in Criminal Activities and the Criminal Justice System
- ◆ Value People More Than Material Things...Cars, Bling, etc...
- ◆ Respect my Elders and View them as a Resource of Wisdom
- ◆ Be Accountable and Responsible for my Own Behavior
- ◆ Take an Active Role in My Community and the Lives of Young People
- ◆ Support Good Black Businesses and Advocate for Increased Black Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Learn About My African/Black History
- ◆ **Register and Vote in Local, State, and National Elections**

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