

**NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF JUSTICE  
FOR RONALD MADISON OF NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**WHEREAS, The National Dental Association is a dental professional organization historically positioned since 1913 with a mission to represent the concerns of ethnic minorities in dentistry and in the community,**

**WHEREAS, Dr. Romell Madison of New Orleans, Louisiana served this organization as President in 2003 and is in need of support related to a tragic family incident following hurricane Katrina wherein his brother Ronald Madison, a mentally compromised person, was murdered allegedly by members of the New Orleans Police Department and,**

**WHEREAS, The accused members of the New Orleans Police Department were subsequently indicted on December 28, 2007 by the District Attorney's Office of New Orleans with charges totaling 29 counts of a combination of first degree murder and attempted murder charges against seven (7) members of the Police Department and,**

**WHEREAS, a New Orleans grand jury separately cleared Lance Madison, another brother of Dr. Madison, whom police had arrested simultaneously that day and booked with attempted first-degree murder for allegedly shooting at law enforcement officers and,**

**WHEREAS, Members of any police department are held to a high standard of accountability and responsibility to safe guard the public safety interests especially during times of emergency, and recognizing that the rules governing the use of lethal force are not suspended during times of emergency and,**

**WHEREAS, It is appalling to the general public to learn that these same indicted police officers have been allowed to return to work as public safety officers even though murder charges are pending which is clearly a demonstration of preferential treatment not available to the general public and,**

**WHEREAS, The NDA and the general public have an interest in fairness and justice in all criminal situations and especially in a case involving police officers against citizens and taxpayers and,**

**WHEREAS, The national and international interest in such cases is paramount to ensure confidence in American public officials and America's system of justice, and the members of the NDA are situated nationally geographically, this situation has national and international implications and will be monitored nationally and internationally to its conclusion,**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the National Dental Association hereby renders moral and spiritual support to Dr. Romell Madison and his family in regards to their tragic family matter as well as to the New Orleans community, and the African American community and other underserved populations and,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Dental Association will use all measures within its powers to monitor the case until its conclusion to ensure fairness and justice including distribution of this resolution to the members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate, United States Justice Department, State Legislators, Local Legislators, and organizations in the media.**