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THE INDIANA COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MALES REELECTS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIR

The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males held their February monthly meeting on February 21, 2018.

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (ICSSBM) reelected Mr. Kenneth Allen as Chairman of the Commission for his second term. Also reelected for a second term was Vice Chair Elijah Neal. The Chairman and Vice Chair guided the Commission through a successful 2017. In 2017 the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males sponsored the annual Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative where nearly 900 participants received free health screenings along with health information statewide. The next successful event for the Commission was the Young Black Males Matter Day at the Indiana State House where 293 young men between the ages of 12 – 18 gathered to be encouraged, emboldened and educated on civic engagement and advocacy. Finally, the Commission hosted the 17th annual Black Males Conference in October at the Indiana Government Center South under the theme, “Black Males: Dare to Lead”.

Chairman, Kenneth Allen stated, “I look forward to serving another year with Vice Chair, Elijah Neal and Executive Director, James Garrett Jr., to move the Commission forward”. The commission strives and works to uplift African-American males of all ages throughout Indiana, through programs and initiatives.

For more information about the ICSSMB visit <http://www.in.gov/icssbm/>.

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About Us:

The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males was legislatively established in 1993, to identify and recommend public and legislative remedies to improve the economic, educational, health, criminal justice, and social status of Black males in Indiana. The mission of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males is to study the social conditions of the state’s Black male population, seek to develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment, and other circumstances for Hoosiers.