

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 214

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges support and protection for African-American women.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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On the night of December 4, 2020 at approximately 8:30 p.m., 36-year-old Aieshia McFadden was found outside a liquor store in Jersey City with a fatal gunshot wound to her torso. It has been reported that the Hudson County prosecutor identified the man

1 arrested and charged in the suspected murder of Aieshia McFadden,  
2 as Thaddues Williams, 37, of East Orange.

3 Ms. McFadden was an African-American woman and a mother to  
4 four children. She was described as a woman who loved, and was  
5 devoted to, her children. Ms. McFadden was a cafeteria worker at  
6 Lincoln High School. According to the principal, she had a great  
7 relationship with the kids in the building and was a part of the  
8 school and its culture. It has been reported that Ms. McFadden was  
9 touched inappropriately by a man in the liquor store prior to being  
10 shot.

11 According to Now.org, for African American women such as  
12 Ms. McFadden, sexual assault and violence are pervasive issues that  
13 routinely go unreported and under-addressed. Therefore, it is  
14 altogether fitting and proper for this House to issue a call to action  
15 to protect and support African-American women who stand up and  
16 advocate for themselves in the face of violence, injustice, and  
17 persecution.