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The African American Male Wellness Agency Welcomes Bubba Wallace as Charlotte Honorary Chair

First African-American in 50 years to win in one of NASCAR's top three national touring series; first African-American to race full-time in NASCAR's premier Cup Series; believes racism can affect health in African Americans

COLUMBUS, OH– The African American Male Wellness Agency is pleased to announce Bubba Wallace as the Honorary Chairman for the 2nd Annual African American Male Wellness Walk in Charlotte, NC.

Dedicated to creating change and raising awareness in the areas of health inequities and injustices, Wallace has played a critical part in NASCAR's push for inclusion and equality, including its ban of the Confederate flag at NASCAR races. Wallace understands the fight does not end there, and that it is not enough to watch the race, but you must be in it.

“Racism has been, and remains, the root cause of serious health inequities that unjustly affect communities of color,” said Wallace. “These disparities include increased risk for diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and mental illness; inequitable access to high-quality care; inordinately negative outcomes are twice as high than those of white populations, and life expectancy that can be as much as ten years shorter than white counterparts living a short drive away. I am excited to be the Honorary Chair of the 2021 African American Male Wellness Walk to help bring awareness to these issues and help eliminate health disparities in our communities.”

Wallace drives the No. 23 Toyota Camry for the newly formed Michael Jordan and Denny Hamlin owned 23XI racing team in the NASCAR Cup Series, the top racing circuit in America.

The agency is thrilled to have such a prominent name in NASCAR join our mission and support our cause.

“Having Mr. Wallace support us is HUGE, says Marlon Platt, Executive Director. Wallace being the first African American to have success in the NASCAR industry to be a health enthusiast is a major benefit for our agency.”

Today, is he known as the sport's lone black driver, but is setting precedence of change for the next generation. To learn more about this partnership, please visit our website, aawellness.org.