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3rd Annual DMV Black Restaurant Week
November 8, 2020 – November 15, 2020
The Power of Collaboration: Recovery in the Midst of COVID-19
Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia

DMVbrw is an advocate for the growth of the community as the bulwark of social enterprise. Our mission is to increase the awareness of local black-owned restaurants and food service providers by creating an ecosystem to support and sustain the community.

Washington, D.C. (October 28, 2020) – The 3rd Annual DMV Black Restaurant Week 2020 will be held from Sunday, November 8, 2020 - Sunday, November 15, 2020. Curated by co-founders, Dr. Erinn Tucker, Furard “Chef Tate” Tate, and Andra “AJ” Johnson, this annual, week-long event promotes the knowledge and awareness of black-owned hospitality businesses in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) area.

The theme this year is ***“The Power of Collaboration: Recovery in the Midst of COVID-19.”*** To assist in the collaboration and recovery efforts, DMV Black Restaurant Week is having their **3rd Annual (and 1st Virtual) Food and Beverage Education Conference**. The virtual conference is planned for five days, November 10 – 14, and will bring together government agencies, private companies and nonprofits to spark innovation and to provide strategies to black-owned food businesses. All business types in the industry are invited to include hospitality, app creators, food bloggers and writers, chefs, cafes, tea and spice curators, food trucks, farmers, caterers – everyone – from all around the District, Maryland and Virginia.

“Collaboration is needed more now than ever before to enhance recovery efforts from the effects of COVID-19,” says Dr. Erinn Tucker. *“We’re thankful to our sponsors and partners who have made food businesses participation and conference attendance free, removing barriers to owners who need critical information to create sustainable business models to include collaborations that make sense for the communities they serve and for their business goals and growth.”*

2020 has been challenging for black-owned businesses in the DMV and many black restaurants and other food service providers closed, laid off employees and are still struggling to keep their businesses due to COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, DMV Black Restaurant Week 2020 is about **RECOVERY**. The purpose of DMV Black Restaurant Week is not only to promote black-owned food businesses in the DMV but also to **EDUCATE** owners and professionals and create opportunities for them to learn how to grow and thrive.

ABOUT:

DMV Black Restaurant Week (DMVbrw) is the brainchild of TEAJ (Tate, Erinn, and AJ). They bring their passion for entrepreneurship, hospitality, and education together to help businesses continue the legacy of dining in the region. DMVbrw mission is to celebrate and support black hospitality, food, and



beverage entrepreneurs and employees through awareness, professional development, external resources, and events.

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