



MURIEL JOHNSON (1923-1972)

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Introduction



HARTFORD NATIVE



ACTIVE IN CLAY HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD



CHAIR OF THE
COUNCIL OF 12



THE CHAIR OF THE
HEAD START
ADVISORY BOARD

"We the slum people want in; and the establishment doesn't want us in, but we're going to get in... In our buildings the rates have taken over. The rates are getting healthier while our kids are getting weaker."

- Muriel Johnson in September 1969 in response to "the reason behind the trouble in Hartford"

Contributions

Advocated against race-based violence in Hartford



Advocated for Black Hartford youth



Advocated to help end drug crisis and police impact on Black community in Hartford



Skilled Public Speaker

"Everyone wants to do their own thing and says 'What can I do?' I say, give us some money and let us do our own thing!"

- Muriel Johnson in 1969 at a psychologists convention

Recognitions

Received a citation in the
Lane Bryant Volunteer
Award for outstanding
community service in 1968

The North End Clinic of the
Hartford Dispensary
renamed the Henderson-
Johnson Clinic in honor of
her work

Muriel Johnson Memorial
Fund was created in her
honor as a scholarship and
emergency fund for
members of the Black
community in need

"We didn't come down here to hear the same old mimicry... We don't need the talent because we feel we got the talent in the ghetto... We got some bright cats up there in the Hartford ghetto... But Whitey won't let us use the talent... We need a hospital where poor people have some input."

- Muriel Johnson, 1969
