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NAAAP Stands with Black and Minority Communities

June 4, 2020. The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) and its thirty chapters, including NAAAP Minnesota, join the Black communities across the United States in mourning and demanding justice for the senseless killings of George Floyd, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the countless victims of racial bias and police brutality.

NAAAP stands in solidarity with communities of color in fighting against systemic and institutional racism. We are disheartened that oppressive policies and public complacency have allowed such conditions to persist. And we acknowledge that our own API community, with its prejudices and intolerances, has much work to do to dispel fears and to further equality.

As a non-partisan, nonprofit organization focused on making leaders in the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community, we recognize the need for personal leadership and concerted action in this continuing crisis to stamp out explicit bias and discrimination. We must work together to address the deeply rooted racism in our society. NAAAP is examining our resources, programs, and partnerships to find additional ways to expand support for marginalized communities.

We hope that by committing resources to address these systemic issues, we aid in the long process of healing.

About NAAAP

The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) is the premier leadership organization for Asian Pacific Islander professionals in North America, with 30 chapters, several thousand active members, and a reach of more than 20,000 professionals. Since 1982, NAAAP has operated as a non-partisan nonprofit to inspire, develop, and connect leaders in all major industries and countless communities through professional development and community service. For more information, please visit www.naaap.org.