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STANDING IN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY WITH TWIN CITIES COMMUNITY IN GEORGE FLOYD'S DEATH

Dear Community and Friends,

Hmong 18 Clan Council and Hmong American Partnership (HAP) along with our collective Hmong allies are grieving for the loss of George Floyd and the injustice we all witnessed. We stand with and hold his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

The video footage from George Floyd's arrest showed the grim reality that many Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) face daily. It is painful to know that systemic racism and anti-Blackness in our own communities leads to Black death. We are hurting in so many ways, and moments like this makes us feel that the decades of solidarity work have never been enough. Yet it is in these moments that our shared oppression makes our voices stronger together.

As Hmong leaders of Hmong founded and Hmong led organizations fighting for the causes of those socially disadvantaged, we stand behind all our Black friends and allies to say that their lives matter. We will work harder to dismantle the systems that create barriers to our collective advancement. We must not fall prey into divide and conquer strategies that weaken our fight against institutional racism and white supremacy.

We will fight harder now. We will do this by centering our work around love and compassion, healing, and transformative justice. We will seek, learn, share, and affirm our unique histories and unlearn the dominant narratives that silo and divide us. We stand in solidarity to invest in each other's liberation.

Together, we can do this.

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