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### Statement Against The Murder Of George Floyd

The African Association of Madison, Inc. sympathizes and conveys its message of condolences to the families of George Floyd, a black man, who suffered a needless death on May 25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota from the hands of police officers who were otherwise sworn to serve and protect him. During his arrest, a white American police officer, kept his knee on the side of George Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes while he was handcuffed and lying face down.

The killing of George Floyd was so cruel and inhumane by the police officers attending; he begged for his life: "**I Can't Breathe!**", just as by-standers begged for his life; the police officer was unyielding until he summarily took that life away. It is yet another among many of our African-American brothers and sisters who have suffered such needless deaths/brutality over the years from the hands of the police. The persistent police brutalities and general unfair treatments meted out to Blacks in this country has reached such a tipping point that one may conclude that these police actions on Blacks are racially motivated and deliberate.

Africans who live here and/or who have adopted USA as its country have raised second-generation American citizens here. Our families have become African Americans here. We therefore stand in solidarity with our African American brothers and sisters to denounce these brutal inhumane treatments inflicted upon us by our law enforcement agencies.

Police brutality in all forms must never be condoned, at any time or any place!

Our **Black Lives Matter** as much as any other life in this country! We stand against a criminal justice system that disproportionately target people of color and their subsequent disenfranchisement. We will therefore continue to canvass support for peaceful demonstrations to ensure that the messages we want to deliver regarding racial inequalities and these wanton destructions of Black lives are heard by all and until a lid is placed on this culture of evil that has sprung. Some things must change until justice prevails!

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