

## THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTS OF INTER-RESIDENCE COUNCIL AND NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY June 2, 2020

To our Wolfpack Community,

We write to you today with heavy hearts. Like many of you, we were both outraged and deeply saddened to learn of the recent losses of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. Their unjust deaths, and the reprehensible circumstances that surrounded them, are just three of the many horrific, inexcusable cases of systemic racism and police brutality that the Black community disproportionately faces.

Our organizations stand by those impacted by these incidents, those continuing to protest, and those who are seeking justice for their communities. As the elected voices of all 9,000+ diverse residents that call our campus home, our two organizations are committed to condemning acts of discrimination, racism, and violence as we strive to create and foster a diverse, inclusive environment where students are free to be their true authentic selves without fear. Through our residential community, we have the power to educate ourselves and others through a message of unity, elimination of ignorance and discrimination, and the thorough welcome of each individual that becomes a part of our campus and community as a member of the Pack.

As a part of our continued commitment to support residents of marginalized communities, both of our organizations will work to add additional educational opportunities for our residential leaders, residents, and other valued members of our Wolfpack community. We believe that each person on our campus and within our community has a role to play in dismantling and reforming the mechanisms that have marginalized underrepresented groups and provided undeniable privilege to others. We hope to work with marginalized communities to support them in their continued struggle for justice, reform, and equality.

We stand in solidarity with and support the students and all protestors of the Black Lives Matter movement that are fighting for justice for Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, and against the pervasive issues of police brutality and institutional racism.

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference." -Elie Wisel



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In addition to the Inter-Residence Council and National Residence Hall Honorary, here are some resources on NC State's campus that are available if you or anyone you know might need support during this time:

NC State Legal Services - https://studentlegal.dasa.ncsu.edu/contact-us/ NC State Bias Impact Response Team (BIRT) - https://bias-impact.ncsu.edu/ NC State Multicultural Student Affairs - https://oied.ncsu.edu/MSA/contact-us/ NC State Counseling Center - https://counseling.dasa.ncsu.edu/services/ NC State African American Cultural Center - https://oied.ncsu.edu/divweb/aacc/ NC State Women's Center - https://oied.ncsu.edu/Womens-Center/contact-us/ NC State GLBT Center - https://oied.ncsu.edu/glbt/contact-us/

We would also like to encourage our members and community to explore the following resources to aid those participating in the movement. Please note that this is not all of the resources that are available for North Carolina or the United States as a whole.

#### Petitions

Text "FLOYD" to 55156 or sign the petition here: #JusticeforFloyd Text "ENOUGH" to 55156: demand justice for Breonna Taylor Text "JUSTICE" to 55156: demand DA George Barnhill and Jackie Johnson are removed from GA office Justice for George Floyd: <u>https://www.change.org/p/mayor-jacob-frey-justice-for-george-floyd</u> Justice for Breonna Taylor: <u>https://www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor</u> Justice for Ahmaud Aubrey: <u>https://tinyurl.com/ahmaudpetition</u> Justice for Tony McDade: https://www.change.org/p/black-lives-matter-activists-justice-for-tony-mcdade



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Justice for Sean Reed: https://www.change.org/p/mayor-joe-hogsett-justice-for-sean-reed

#### Speak Up

To Demand Release of Protestors and Prosecution of all Officers Involved: County Attorney Mike Freeman (612-348-5550) Mayor Frey (612-673-2100) Minneapolis City Attorney's office (612-673-3000) Demand justice for Breonna Taylor via petition signing or phone banking

#### **Bail Funds**

Louisville Community Bail Fund: https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/louisville-community-bail-fund/ North Carolina Community Bail Fund of Durham: https://www.nccbailfund.org/ Take Action Chapel Hill: https://www.takeactionch.com/ National Bail Out: http://nationalbailout.org/ The Bail Project: https://bailproject.org/ Community Justice Exchange's Bail Funds by State: https://www.communityjusticeexchange.org/nbfn-directory Bail Funds by City: https://tinyurl.com/bailfundslink

### Donations

Reclaim the Block: <u>https://www.reclaimtheblock.org/home</u> Black Visions Collective: <u>https://www.blackvisionsmn.org/</u> North Star Collective: <u>https://www.northstarhealthcollective.org/</u> The Legal Rights Center: <u>https://www.legalrightscenter.org/</u> Communities United Against Police Brutality: <u>https://www.cuapb.org/</u> Black Lives Matter: <u>https://blacklivesmatter.com/</u> NAACP Legal Defense Fund: <u>https://www.naacpldf.org/</u> Know Your Rights Camp: <u>https://www.knowyourrightscamp.com/</u>



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### Go Fund Me

Ahmaud Arbery (I Run with Maud): <u>https://tinyurl.com/maudGFM</u> George Floyd: <u>https://tinyurl.com/georgefloydGFM</u> Tony McDade: <u>https://tinyurl.com/tonymcdadeGFM</u>

Master List of Resources: <u>https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/</u> Additional Resources and Information: <u>http://tinyurl.com/blmforever</u>

Lastly, we urge each and every person to vote in the upcoming and future elections. Voting is crucial in making sure that you and the people you know have their voices heard on the local, state, and federal level. If you need information on the voting process, registration, or have general questions please consider visiting the following resources:

Pack the Polls - <u>https://packthepolls.dasa.ncsu.edu/</u> North Carolina State Board of Elections - <u>https://www.ncsbe.gov/index.html</u> United States of America Voting Information - <u>https://www.usa.gov/voting</u>

In Solidarity and with Wolfpack Pride,

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