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Tennessee Muslims Demands Justice for George Floyd

Nashville, TN – The Tennessee Muslim Community stands in solidarity with the African American community in the fight against the racist policies that led to the murder of George Floyd in the hands of four police officers. George Floyd was a father, a son, and a brother. He deserved to be treated with dignity and respect, but instead, was murdered. Our deepest condolences go out to his family. The outrage, as seen in the protests across the country, speaks to the willful inaction of our country's leaders to change what has been centuries of white supremacist policies aimed at dehumanizing African Americans. Black men, women and children have been murdered with impunity. Just recently, Breonna Taylor was murdered by the police while sleeping in her own home and Ahmaud Arbery was lynched while jogging. Unless there is a radical shift in policy, the murders will continue.

God commands Muslims to, "Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for God can best protect both." Qur'an 4:135.

Prophet Muhammed, peace be upon him, said, "Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith."

As Muslims, we vow to educate ourselves about white supremacy and structural racism and to address the racism found in our mosques against African American Muslims and in the communities we live in. We will stand by African Americans and demand that law enforcement be held accountable for their actions and our criminal justice system be reformed. We will also advocate for equity in education, healthcare, housing, jobs and social services.

Change does not happen overnight, but as Muslims, we vow to continue to fight for justice.

The American Muslim Advisory Council's mission is to foster mutual trust and respect among all people through civic engagement, community building and media relations in order to protect all Tennesseans from prejudice and targeted violence.

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