

Christian Cooper – Amaud Arbery – Bothem Jean – Atatiana Jefferson – Jonathan Ferrell – Renisha McBride – Stephon Clark – Jordan Edwards – Jordan Davis – Alton Sterling – Aiyana Jones – Breonna Taylor – Mike Brown – Tamir Rice - The Charleston 9 -Trayvon Martin -

ALIANZA STATEMENT ON STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Camden, N.J. - “It should not require a viral video and the outrage of millions of Americans in order to set in motion justice for the tragic death of a Black man. But incident after incident of the unnecessary deaths of Black men, women and children over the last several years should force us all to reflect on how that justice and law enforcement system is failing them and their families—and indeed failing all Americans,” said HNBA President Irene Oria. ALIANZA stands in solidarity with the Black and African-American Communities and is committed to fighting injustice alongside The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and supporting the community in any way we can.

ALIANZA refuses to allow George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor’s legacies to be boiled down to just hashtags. These names and their deaths are only the latest that should incite nothing less than outrage within our souls. The racism, profiling, and violence toward the Black and African-American Communities have been encouraged and perpetuated under callous leadership at different levels. We are saddened by the disregard for Black lives that happen each day in this country, but we are far from discouraged in the fight to dismantle these injustices. The atrocities that plague these communities must come to an end but must first be recognized.

ALIANZA calls on our leaders and peers within the Rutgers Law Community to condemn the language being used to describe the Black and African-American Communities and to dismantle the institutional racism and implicit biases that exist. Diversity initiatives are incomplete without the implementation of actual inclusion and actual change.

To our Black and African-American peers: ALIANZA stands with you and is ready to support you in these times and beyond. To the allies in the Rutgers Law Community: educate yourselves on Black issues, refrain from holding property damage to a higher regard than Black lives, talk to your family members, and donate to the organizations listed below. Black Lives Matter.

Where to donate:

NAACP Legal Defense Fund: www.NAACPLegaldefensefund.org

George Floyd Memorial Fund: www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd

Minnesota Freedom Fund: www.minnesotafreedomfund.org/donate

Philadelphia Bail Fund: www.phillybailfund.org

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