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APALSA STATEMENT ON STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

“You cannot change any society unless you take responsibility for it, unless you see yourself as belonging to it, and responsible for changing it.” – Grace Lee Boggs, Asian American activist and scholar.

Our community has yet to reach a society in which the realization of equality for all are truly felt. It is only by standing together now, acknowledging the injustice and inequality of the past and present, that we can work towards a future in which all people are treated equally. More needs to be done.

APALSA recognizes the unique role that our Asian American community has in condemning the institutional inequality experienced by people of color, particularly our Black and African-American brothers and sisters. We recognize the work needed to extinguish sentiments of anti-blackness and complicity within our own Asian American community. The murder of George Floyd is a reminder that we need to do the uncomfortable inner work, have the inter dialogue with our family and friends, and engage in the necessary organizing that is required to truly stand in solidarity. We know our outrage must be actively heard and seen for true justice to occur.

To our Black peers at Rutgers Law and in our communities; APALSA stands with you. For the upcoming year APALSA is committed to engaging in all racial literacy programming at Rutgers. Internally, we plan to host our own sessions of reflection to explore our own complicity in systems of inequality. In the larger Rutgers community, APALSA plans to support The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) by attending BLSA programming, and by collaborating with BLSA and others to host events that address the injustice and dehumanization faced by people of color.

Currently, APALSA encourages everyone to educate themselves on issues facing the Black community, refrain from holding property damage to a higher regard than Black lives, and to support the protests and families of those affected by donating to the organizations listed below. In Solidarity. 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

I Run with Maud – www.gofundme.com/f/i-run-with-maud

Justice for Breonna Taylor: www.change.org/p/andy-beshear-justice-for-breonna-taylor

Philadelphia Bail Fund: www.phillybailfund.org

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