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As a tribal nation we condemn the actions of the police officers in Minneapolis. We are deeply saddened and angered by the unnecessary violence and death of George Floyd. The Mohican Tribe has and will continue to vehemently denounce racism! Systemic racism faced by all people of color across the United States has become all too familiar all oppression is connected.

The fact is that racism has been part of America since its founding and has been used as a manipulative tool to oppress and marginalize non-whites for centuries and it must change. Understanding this reality requires a reminder of how we arrived at this point. As William Faulkner once wrote, "The past isn't dead and buried. In fact, it isn't even past." We do not need to recite here the history of racial injustice in this country. But we do need to remind ourselves that so many of the disparities still exist.

In the 21st century it is disheartening that there still exists the fractured American political and societal landscape. The lingering issue today for people of color or difference continues to be racism and discrimination. More than a half-century later, in a world full of contentious politics, one of Dr. King's memorable quotes remains relevant. “Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”

We face it every day we step out of our home to live the lives our creator intended. We must stand together to demand justice and work together to turn our pain into purpose. We must be true allies, standing shoulder to shoulder, asking the tough questions of those in a position of leadership.

To that end, the Mohican Tribe stands in solidarity with the Black community as they yet again are subjected to pain and suffering at the hands of a racist and unjust system.

It is clear that all of the officers responsible for his death need to be held accountable for their action and lack of action to the fullest extent of the law. We also need real legislative reform to take place. Legislative action that will make the killing of an unarmed citizen, by law enforcement, a federal offense. These are actions that our Tribe will be fighting for.

President Holsey states “Systemic injustice and inequality calls for systemic change immediately. We must change the direction of this Country and the World. We must stand together and unite in the face of organized injustice”.

We are calling on all people from every persuasion, of every color, to unite under a common anthem “We must abolish racism now!” We are calling on all legislators to hear this anthem and take immediate action to reform our laws and protect the people of color in the communities they serve.

We have to stand up as Americans and say that we will stand on behalf of the poor, the marginalized, those who experience discrimination both historically, and presently, that this is our time, this is our moment to decide what kind of nation we want to be.

“We must see the trauma, fear, and exhaustion of being Black in our state and our country. We must offer our empathy, we must offer our support, but most of all we must offer our action. The solution is not in one person, it is in all of us, together. We must confront our comfortability with racism. We must reestablish trust with communities of color. We must be willing to listen, we must be willing to be uncomfortable, we must be willing to do the work” ~ Governor Tony Evers.

This is a time of moral reckoning in our nation. We must choose to stand on the side of light and love. We the people means everyone.

The Mohican Nation extends love, prayers of strength and creator’s grace, glory and love to the family and friends of George Floyd.

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