



# Black Lives Matter – Taking A Stand Against Systemic Racism

The Maryland Commission for Women supports equal justice under the law for all people, and opposes any form of discrimination or oppression for any reason. Therefore, at a time when our nation finds itself in the midst of a pandemic that disproportionately impacts African Americans, we are both horrified and disheartened that African Americans continue to be subject to systemic racism and violence.

The Maryland Commission for Women is deeply saddened and also outraged by the recent senseless murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. The deaths of these unarmed African Americans have shed light on the countless others, named and unnamed African Americans, whose lives were taken by police officers and/or vigilantes and compels us to stand in solidarity with the African American community and all who have issued a call for action. Too many wives have lost their husbands, too many sisters have lost a sibling, too many precious children have lost a parent and too many mothers have lost a precious child.

The Maryland Commission for Women stands in solidarity because we stand for equal justice under the law for all people. We stand in solidarity because we oppose any form of discrimination or oppression for any reason. We stand in solidarity because the lives of those murdered mattered. We stand in solidarity because Black lives matter.

The Maryland Commission for Women takes this stand in solidarity with all those working for an end to systemic racism, racial terror, violence, and police brutality.