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Oregon Community Health Workers Association

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Statement from ORCHWA Staff

Good afternoon ORCHWA Members, partners and allies,

The recent executions of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, David McAtee, and Ahmaud Arbery are the results of the state-sanctioned racism and violence against Black bodies that the United States was built on. All lives will not matter until Black lives matter. We stand in solidarity with our African American brothers and sisters and call on our partners to do the same.

ORCHWA is committed to upholding our values as we continue to work towards social justice and equity. In all the work that lies before us, ORCHWA commits to actively addressing anti-Black bias, thoughts, language, and actions.

We urge anyone reading this letter to use any resources and privileges you may have to speak up against racist acts, donate to Black advocacy organizations, support Black-owned businesses, call and write letters to your representatives, and amplify the voices of Black people.

Black Lives Matter.

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The Oregon Community Health Workers Association (ORCHWA) is a 501(c)(3) statewide professional association for community health workers (CHWs). ORCHWA is committed to supporting community health workers to support their respective communities to have better health through an equity lens.