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LULAC-ILLINOIS STATE DIRECTOR PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD

In the 1960's the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) took action by marching, protesting, and using our voices alongside Dr. King to bring much-needed change to this country. In this turbulent and dangerous time, we continue to see unprecedented police brutality against our Black and Brown communities. LULAC once again stands with our African American brothers and sisters to raise our voice in dismantling this systemic racism that continues to this day. Rosa Parks once said, "Our freedom is threatened every time one of our young people is killed by another child ... every time a person gets stopped and beaten by the police because of the color of their skin." LULAC of Illinois will continue to show support for our communities of color who are carrying the weight of these tragedies. We encourage you to say their names aloud as well as the many names that we do not know:

George Floyd
Almaud Arbery
Breonna Taylor

Their names matter, their lives matter, their communities' matter, the Black Lives Movement Matters. We, as a nation, community, as people, need to do better. Dr. King once said, "The time is always right to do what is right". We as a community organization must use our voices and platform to create positive change, take a stand against racial violence, and help uplift our communities in which we live and serve. We will continue to fight these injustices alongside the African AMERICAN Community until we see the end to police brutality, systemic racism, and microaggressions against people of color. The Black Live Matters Movement has our support as an organization and as individuals who make up LULAC of Illinois.

WE STAND UNITED IN ACTION WITH #BLACKLIVESMATTER

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