The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence condemns the killings of James Scurlock, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Amaud Arberry and the continuous violence perpetrated against Black people in our country. We condemn the violent actions of police across this country and the precedent that this violence sets for our communities. We honor the memory of those who have been killed and commit ourselves to be an anti-racist organization who seeks justice for all human beings.

We support the right to protest and value those who choose to engage in activism in this way. We condemn the inaccurate depictions of the protests across our nation that are rooted in white supremacy and racism. We will continue to defend this form of speech. We hold in our hearts those who have been continuously harmed and traumatized while protesting.

We understand that all forms of oppression are interconnected; justice for survivors of gender-based violence will not be possible until there is justice for the Black community. All forms of violence are connected to each other. We commit ourselves to the work within ourselves as people, the work within our relationships in our workplace, and the work within our programs across the state of Nebraska.

White people within the anti-violence movement must do better; we have a long way to go before we can become the allies that our Black community deserves. We have chosen to commit ourselves to the work that must be done to do so. We acknowledge the harm that racism has done to Black people who work alongside us in the anti-violence movement, both perpetrated outside and within. We commit ourselves to dismantling the foundation of white supremacy within our movement so that we may begin to seek justice for all survivors.

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence team members stand in solidarity with the Black community.