



National Alliance to  
End Sexual Violence

## **We Condemn Racist Violence & Acknowledge the Profound Toll of Racism**

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We denounce the killing of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and the countless acts of racist violence and hate perpetrated against black people in our country every day, including by the police. We denounce racism in all its forms both overt and subtle, individual and systemic, and re-commit ourselves as an actively anti-racist organization seeking justice for all people. Our hearts go out to all of those who must bear the traumatic effects of this racist violence and hate.

We wholeheartedly support the right and need of people to protest, and we condemn false narratives about protests that are rooted in racism. We know that all oppressions are inextricably linked, that we cannot end sexual violence without ending racism, and that sexual violence is linked to other forms of violence. We acknowledge the incredible toll that racism takes specifically on black people and on all people of color every day in ways large and small including survivors and those advocating for an end to sexual violence.

We acknowledge that white people in the anti-sexual violence movement have a long way to go to become strong allies for people of color. We believe that white supremacists are emboldened by their apologists in the highest levels of our government and that leadership matters. We call on all white people to strongly engage in ongoing anti-racist efforts, have difficult and necessary conversations, acknowledge white supremacist culture, and speak up.

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