

# Black Lives Matter Solidarity Statement from the Nevada Commission for Women

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Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that once more we witnessed on national television the death of another black man in police custody. The murders of George Floyd in Minnesota, Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky and Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta bring to light the urgent need to demand that immediate action be taken to initiate police reform and address systemic racism. Not an easy challenge but one that has been ignored for too long.

The Nevada Commission for Women (NCFW) stands in solidarity with the Black community, Indigenous peoples, and communities of color, as well as the Black Lives Matter movement. We vehemently oppose racism, discrimination, bigotry, and hatred. The effect of racism and racial trauma on women cannot be ignored.

As the NCFW celebrates the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, we are reminded of the brave women of color who marched, organized, and participated in the suffrage movement. Sojourner Truth, Charlotte Forten, and Mary Ann Shadd Cary joined the ranks of suffragists as the movement progressed.

The NCFW stands with people impacted by injustice and echoes the sentiments of the National Association of Commissions for Women follow the link for their statement at [www.nacw.org](http://www.nacw.org).

We will continue to promote equality and justice for women and girls and ensure that they are represented and empowered in their communities. There is a lot of work that needs to be done but working together we can make a difference.

In solidarity,

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