

ODUMUN Statement on Racial Violence

From the Old Dominion University Model United Nations Society

For over 75 years, the United Nations has continued to champion for the creation of international norms on human rights. Through the years, the United Nations has assisted countries in achieving better standards for education, gender equality, poverty, and so many other issues that can plague a countries' development. Overall, the United Nations was built to create peace and prosperity for all individuals around the globe.

Due to the recent events, people in all 50 states in the United States plus 18 countries globally have marched and protested against the murder of George Floyd, an unarmed and innocent Black man who was pinned to the ground by police and died as a result. His death, like many others, is not a new occurrence in the United States. The United States has a history of terrorizing and killing Black and Brown people for no reason. From the Detroit Riots to the Ferguson Protest to now, the American people are seasoned to fight for basic human rights for the Black community. The murder of George Floyd was not an accident, but rather the result of a racist system that has been maintained and upheld since the creation of the United States. It is vital that we use our privilege to stand up and amplify the voices of those who are often not listened to. The death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and many others are unjust and unfair and it must come to an end. How many more Black lives have to be lost? How much longer does the Black community have to be subject to hate, prejudice, discrimination, and blatant racism before we see and fix the issue?

We, the Model United Nations Society at Old Dominion University, stand with the victims of police brutality and we stand with the Black Lives Matter Movement. It is important that we do what we can in support of the black community and the Black Lives Matter Movement whether it be signing petitions, donating, protesting, or spreading awareness and information so that everyone can be involved in tearing down institutional racism so that we can all be equal.

Take Action:

Donate

Zoe Amira '[Stream to Donate](#)'
[NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#)
Omuriceu '[Stream to Donate Video](#)'
Stephanie Soo '[Stream to Donate Video](#)'

Protestor Safety/ Rights

Black Lives Matter 757: [Twitter](#)
[FaceBook](#) [Instagram](#)

Petitions

[Black Lives Matter Carrd](#)
[George Floyd White House Petition](#)
[Official George Floyd Memorial Fund](#)
Text "FLOYD" to 55156
Text "JUSTICE" to 668366

Mental Health

The Love Foundation
Crisis Text Line
Sista Afya Community Mental Wellness

Sources to Educate

Me and White Supremacy By: Layla F Saad
The Hate U Give By: Angie Thomas

This Book is Anit-Racist By: Tiffany Jewel
So You Want to Talk About Race By: Ijeoma Oluo

Locally Black Owned Businesses

Virginia Beach

Martin’s Soul Food
Chef Skip
Desmonds Island Soul Grill
Grillz on Wheelz
Tupelo Honey

Jerrrk Time
Phoenix Restaurant and Lounge
Crabby Cali’s
Metro Mart Int’l

Smoothie Stop Cafe
Seasoned Rite Soul Food
Heavenly Flavors by Katrina LLC
WeCare CAFE

Norfolk

A Mayes & Soul Food
Croakers Spot
Jerk Style Grill
1st Bite

Lil Mama’s Soul Kitchen
Martin’s Soul Food
Mp Island
My Mama’s Kitchen

Senses Vegan
Soul of the Sea
Sweet Jams Cafe

Newport News

J.R Crickets NN
JT’s Bar & Grill

Martin’s Soul Food
Scratch Bake

Portsmouth

Bailey’s Bayou
Beyond Vegan Cell Food
Chef Skip

District
Gourmet Burger Bistro
Lisa’s Bar & Grill

The High on High Street
Yoolks on Us

Hampton

LUs Restaurant
Mango & Mangeaux
Polly’s Restaurant

Scratch Bakery
Wards Soul Food Kitchen
Wing Bistro

Wing and a Prayer

The role of the UN

[‘US must address deep-seated grievances to move beyond history of racism and violence’](#), *UN News*, 3 June 2020

[‘US must take ‘serious action’ to halt police killings of unarmed African Americans’](#), *UN News*, 28 May 2020

[The UN’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) was 21 March 2020. This year the event focused on the midterm review of the [International Decade for People of African Descent](#) undertaken by the Human Rights Council in Geneva

[‘The Long Road to Durban: The United Nations Role in Fighting Racism and Racial Discrimination’](#), *UN Chronical*, No. 3, 2007