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 country’s 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 is 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
Omurice ‘Stream to Donate Video’
Stephanie Soo ‘Stream to Donate Video’

Petitions
Black Lives Matter Carrd
George Floyd White House Petition
Official George Floyd Memorial Fund
Text “FLOYD” to 55156
Text “JUSTICE” to 668366

Protestor Safety/ Rights
Black Lives Matter 757: Twitter
FaceBook, Instagram

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 Anti-Racist* By: Tiffany Jewell
*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 NN
- 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
- The Long Road to Durban: The United Nations Role in Fighting Racism and Racial Discrimination

**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