



## **Statement of Support from the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Leadership Coalition of Northeast Indiana**

George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Ahmaud Arbery. Sean Reed. Sandra Bland. Trayvon Martin.

We say their names to remember and not forget their deaths in the face of racism, and to demand justice for their families. Our country is mourning the deaths of these individuals, and we express our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones. We stand in solidarity with those who are seeking justice for George Floyd and for the countless other wrongful murders of our black brothers and sisters.

We acknowledge that racism and white supremacy still play a pivotal role in how the black community is treated in the United States of America. We commit to educating not only ourselves but also our larger community on how to be better allies, activists, better citizens, and to work together to bring change for our communities in Northeast Indiana.

In addition to this, as an organization we extend our existing commitment to our black brothers and sisters by doing the following:

1. Awarding an academic scholarship worth \$1,500 to a black Hoosier pursuing their post-secondary education at a university or community college in Indiana,
2. Using our platform as Latino/a/x leaders to uplift black voices in our communities to help promote understanding, respect, and unity, and
3. Promoting a deeper understanding to proactively educate Latino/a/x community on anti-blackness, racism, and social and economic inequality by hosting community forums with local stakeholders, civic leaders, and community members.

As we move forward together as a region, state, and nation, we can no longer stand idly by and watch countless injustices affect our fellow black brothers and sisters. We commit to doing our part in demanding better policies from our legislators at the local, state, and federal level.

Lastly, today and always, we proudly stand together with our black brothers and sisters and say:  
**Black Lives Matter.**

En Solidaridad,

HLCNI Board Members