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To
Whoever It May Concern

NFIA Board resolution demanding prompt and transparent investigation, to express solidarity with and condemnation for the delay in justice to the Kandula family for the killing of college graduate Ms. Jaahnavi Kandula at the crosswalk by the speeding Seattle Police Department (SPD) car!

WHEREAS, as reported, Ms. Jaahnavi Kandula, a youth student at Washington's Northeastern University was struck at a pedestrian crossing on the night of January 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as reported, Seattle police department (SPD) car driven by officer Kevin Dave traveling at 74 mph in a 25-mph zone struck and killed the 23 year Jaahnavi; and

WHEREAS, as seen in the bodycam video, a SPD cop is seen joking and laughing about Jaahnavi's death and callously and insensitively putting a "limited value" of her life; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA) a national non-profit, federal tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington DC, representing nearly 4 million members of the Indian Diaspora since 1980; and

WHEREAS, NFIA thanks Government of India and its Ambassador T. S. Sandhu for strongly raising the issue at the highest level in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the right to peaceful protest by the bereaved Indian American community and the protection of civil liberties are fundamental to a just and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the use of blatant coverup, lack of transparency and prompt and swift action by any entity, including law the enforcement agencies of the City of Seattle and the Mayor's office, the Courts, undermines these principles and can lead to harm, injury, or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all individuals and institutions, including government agencies, to uphold human rights and the rule of law for all the residents of USA; and

WHEREAS, our communities values fairness, justice, and the safety of its residents;

WHEREAS, "justice delayed will get perceived as justice denied";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA) condemns the negligence by the SPD police officer, apparent coverup and the lackadaisical investigation by public authorities and/or private individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFIA calls upon all relevant authorities (Police, the legislative agencies, courts, etc) to prioritize investigation, community engagement, and respect for the rights and dignity of all individuals, the victims and the community in suffering and grief; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFIA urges a thorough and transparent investigation of the incident with accountability for those responsible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFIA intends to circulate a copy of this resolution on NFIA letterhead to all concerned agencies including the Department of Justice, Attorney General, Media, Government of India, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NFIA in its entirety and especially under the national leadership of President Raj Razdan and the regional (Seattle) leadership of Vice President Amrik Kamoh expresses its Solidarity, through thick and thin, with the affected families and the communities and NFIA's commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and equitable community for all residents on this day **Thursday, September 14, 2023.**

On Behalf of NFIA Board

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