



**For Immediate Release—PRESS STATEMENT  
THE PORTAGE COUNTY NAACP BRANCH #3211**

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The Portage County NAACP Branch stands in Solidarity with Kent State University in the message that anti-racist acts will not be tolerated in Portage County. The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to **eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination**.

As the nation's leading civil rights and racial justice organizations, the NAACP is demanding an urgent call to action against racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans and the most racist act of vandalism on Kent State Campus.

The Portage County NAACP will join in the discussion led by KSU's Anti-Racism Task Force Town Hall on Thursday, April 8 at 5 p.m. to address the issue. One racist act impacts us all!

We are asking the Portage County Community and all NAACP members to join in the discussion. In order to attend you must register in advance for this meeting using the following link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltf-GoqzgpG9wWH2G52mHT1MbINN\\_xddim](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltf-GoqzgpG9wWH2G52mHT1MbINN_xddim)

During the town hall, leaders will reaffirm the university's commitment to anti-racism and will also announce a series of immediate actions they are taking to "dismantle racism at Kent State." The Portage County NAACP remains committed to dismantling racism throughout Portage County.

The Portage County NAACP works to promote racial equity, advance racial healing, and ensure that all children, families and communities have genuine opportunities to reach their full potential.