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Public Statement from the National Center for Victims of Crime

As an organization whose core mission is to forge a national commitment to help all victims of crime rebuild their lives, The National Center is committed to equality and justice for all. We are in pain over the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery and all of the other victims of crime whose names will not be forgotten. These recent murders once again remind us that the violence Black people in America live with is part of a long ongoing history of racism and injustices. It is a reminder that America's painful past is still very much present today, in the form of violence and deeply rooted discrimination as evident in our justice system and the inequalities of services to our communities.

These recent murders have unleashed years of pent up pain and anger resulting in civil unrest. We support peaceful demonstrations and it is important that we no longer remain quiet in the face of blatant racial injustice. Let's work to find our voices and seek justice, reconciliation and healing for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee E. Williams".

Renee Williams
Executive Director,
National Center for Victims of Crime

Resources for Talking About Race, Racism and Racialized Violence With Kids

<https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/resources-for-talking-about-race-racism-and-racialized-violence-with-kids/>

A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice

http://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/general/beyond_golden_rule.pdf