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Red Cliff Tribal Council Statement on the Murder of George Floyd

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The Red Cliff Tribal Council stands in solidarity with the black community in the wake of the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis police. For far too long, black and native people have been disproportionately subjected to unwarranted violence at the hands of police. Many of our tribal members have experienced this firsthand.

While recent events have now given this issue center stage in the national conversation, many of our tribal members realize the only thing that has truly changed is that the curtain has been lifted because of our digital age and the ability of everyday citizens to record such reprehensible conduct by those sworn to protect and serve.

We encourage and support lawful protest and demonstration designed to shed a light on police brutality, and we support the demilitarization of the police and a return to community policing. We stand in support of all lawful protests and demonstrations designed to end police brutality against people of color. As a nation we cannot say that “All Lives Matter” until native and black lives matter.

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