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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MCC Grieves the Brutal and Senseless Death of George Floyd

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Along with the nation, the Minneapolis community and most especially his family, **the Muslim Community Center (MCC) of Silver Spring, MD**, one of the oldest Muslim faith-based organizations in the Washington, DC area, condemns the brutal and senseless death of George Floyd. Our thoughts, prayers, and loving support are with his family, friends and community.

The Floyd family deserves justice. Sadly, this latest incident simply reflects the ongoing struggle the African American community experiences not only in the halls of justice, but also in housing, education, health care and employment. We stand by our beloved African American sisters and brothers, who endure systematic failures and injustices on a daily basis. **We strongly condemn this incident and pray that Derek Chauvin and the other people responsible for George Floyd's death are brought to justice.**

We are all part of the same Ummah. Each and every one of us should feel the fear and pain and outrage that has gripped our African American brothers and sisters – and not just today, or last week. As a community, we should always strive to do better. We need to stand up with our African American brothers and sisters to speak out against all the injustices and inequities they experience. We need to take an active role in improving the society around us and create change.

The MCC strives to be a home – a safe space – for all of us. Help us get there.

Justice is not optional for us as Muslims. Islam teaches us that we must seek justice every single time. Our Holy Book, the Qur'an says the following about justice and equality:

O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you swerve, and if you distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do. - Qur'an 4:135

O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female and have made you nations and tribes that you may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware. - Qur'an 49:13

Over 50 years ago Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "And what is it America has failed to hear?...It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice and humanity."



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We recognize the need for both justice and systemic change. Brutalities like this go against the very fabric and core of our nation, the teachings of our Islamic faith, and are a violation of our democracy and our values. We must speak up and do everything possible to prevent this oppression and, as a community and nation, address both the incidental and systemic issues at play.

Every one of us can help make this happen. Get involved. You can vote, run for office, donate, protest peacefully and support civic organizations.

We must all continue to work towards an America where there truly is liberty and justice for each and every one of us.

MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.

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