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JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE MICHIGAN SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA) represents all 83 elected Michigan Sheriffs. As representatives of those sheriffs, and serving from among them, the MSA Board of Directors issues the following statement:

The Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA) condemns the actions leading to the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police officers. Officers are expected to protect the communities they serve. These officers have degraded, disparaged, and discredited our profession and broken trust with those we serve – our residents and communities. It was bad policing, and we are deeply disturbed by those images. We want Michiganders to know that these kinds of actions will not be accepted or tolerated.

MSA seeks every day to further the profession and professionalism of the Office of Sheriff. As local leaders and local law enforcement officers, we expect our officers and staff to be professional, respectful, selfless, honest, and honorable. Policework is a calling, and it is good and noble work.

We pledge to continue to seek the highest standards from our men and women in uniform as found in these words of the police officers' oath of honor, a popular creed in law enforcement:

“On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the Constitution, my community, and the agency I serve.”

The Office of Sheriff is the only law enforcement office elected by the people he or she serves, and innate in that relationship between Sheriff and citizen, is trust. Our Sheriffs work for the people, and strive every day to earn trust, build relationships, and improve our communities. We pledge to continue to do so.

We grieve for and stand with Mr. Floyd's family, and call for justice and peace. We stand with those peacefully redressing their government, and we stand with those seeking solutions. We seek them, too.

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