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We Stand Together in Solidarity

It is with great sadness—and renewed energy for our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts—that we share this message.

We mourn the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others whose tragic murders are stunning reminders of the racial injustice and systemic inequality that is prevalent in our communities and experienced by so many in our Merakey family. While many of us have never felt the personal pain of racism and institutionalized discrimination, it is imperative that we stand with those who have in the fight for fairness and justice. As a behavioral health, developmental services, and education provider to some of the most vulnerable and underserved communities in the nation, we stand in solidarity with everyone who is treated unfairly.

It is our responsibility to fight systems of oppression wherever they exist. We will only truly become one nation when everyone is treated equally under the law.

Today, we are committing to you that we will deepen our resolve to combat inequalities within our organization and within the communities we serve. This work will not be easy, but it is essential. We realize that we cannot “create communities where everyone is empowered to take meaningful steps toward reaching their fullest potential” if we are unwilling to listen, reflect, and engage in meaningful discussions that center on equality. We must and will do better.

We do not have all the answers, but we stand together in solidarity with the fight for justice and equality for all black lives.

Sincerely,

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