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Like so many around the country and the globe, the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) stands in solidarity with the American Library Association (ALA), the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), our library workers, our patrons, and community members in condemning violence and racism toward Black Americans and People of Color.

As our country expresses grief over the murder of George Floyd and others whose lives were taken as the result of racism and bias in our nation, West Virginia libraries will remain committed to fighting for equality and inclusion. Our Libraries will continue to serve all in our communities by creating and maintaining an equitable and inclusive environment. WVLA strives for racial equity and justice in our community work as well as in education, mentoring, and developing all library workers.

The West Virginia Library Association and its Executive Board are committed to promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion in all forms. We stand firm in condemning systematic social injustices endured by Black people and People of Color.