



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2020
TO: NAMRC Members
FROM: Dr. Michell Temple, President and the NAMRC Board of Directors
RE: Position Statement

The National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC) wants to firmly state that the racially motivated violence against Black people starting with the most recent events involving George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery in addition to the tens of thousands of Blacks who have lost their lives to COVID-19 is unacceptable. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best in 1963 from behind the walls of a Birmingham jail, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

As a Black woman, President of the Association, and as the voice of the Board, I want you to know that I refuse to make sense of these senseless acts. The systemic societal issues that undergird our current situation reaffirm my commitment to engaging in uncomfortable conversations with civility. I urge you to have conversations with diverse groups about these injustices to inspire change through the building of cross-cultural alliances.

More to come.

Sincerest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michell Temple". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michell Temple, EdD, CRC, NCC, CCTP, LPC (GA), LPC/MHSP (TN)
President, January 2019 - December 2020