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### #WE ARE DONE DYING

In the wake of the most recent egregious deaths caused by crimes committed against Black people, a recent campaign, #We Are Done Dying, has been launched by the National office of the NAACP. The purpose is to promote a more aggressive movement to demand justice for those African American deaths caused for no legitimate reasons. Those responsible must be severely punished by the courts. The criminal justice system must be forced to work. The criminal justice system must be strengthened so that those who commit the most horrific crimes against humanity are punished accordingly.

As we grieve with all the families who we know have lost their loved ones, and probably more that we are not even aware, the overall consensus is that "enough is enough". President Kenneth Huston's call to action is, "I am calling on all of the forty-four units within the Pennsylvania State Conference to rise up in the fight for justice for not only the most recent deaths, but to rise up as we look to how we view the existing policies and laws in place which may need to be revised. Additionally, in certain areas we must advocate for policies that need to be uplifted that may not currently exist at all. The fight may be a long undertaken, but we are ready to rise up and stand up." Dr. Martin Luther King referenced in a quote about why we can no longer wait when he said, Wait has almost always meant never. We must come to see that justice too long delayed is justice denied."

The wait is over. The senseless deaths of African Americans must cease. Until systemic racism is dismantled, the roots of hatred will continue to grow. NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference is called to stand up together, because when we fight together, we win!

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization with a mission to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The Pennsylvania State Conference was established in 1934 and pursues the same mission throughout the Commonwealth.