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NO ANTI-SEMITIC MESSAGES ACCEPTABLE

Understand that the position of NAACP is that anti-Semitic messages or images are totally unacceptable from anyone, stated Kenneth L. Huston, President of the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference. NAACP strongly condemns denigrating statements regarding persons of the Jewish faith and denounces the post made on social media by NAACP Philadelphia Branch President Rodney Muhammad. The illustration depicting an anti-Semitic cartoon in no way reflects the thoughts and work of the NAACP and in fact is found to be reprehensible.

The Pennsylvania State Conference continues to stand firm and reaffirms its position of the NAACP 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” as stated in its mission.

As an organization focused on uplifting communities of color and the most vulnerable, we reject any effort to belittle another human being for their faith. All the units within the Pennsylvania State Conference have a responsibility to align with the principles and programs of the National Association and act in accordance with its Bylaws. The Association is deliberate in engaging others of like minds to join in the fight for confronting injustices and promoting civil rights and therefore has no desire to cause harm to any other groups or individuals in the process.

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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.