WHERE NARA NW STANDS

NARA NW was founded by and for Indigenous People, and from the beginning has always been inclusive to all. Understanding early on the plight of people of color.

Today we stand in honor of the life of George Floyd and mourn his loss to his wife and his daughter and son, and all their family, friends and community. And to the world. We mourn the loss of his future, his contributions, his gifts. All gone because he was Black.

We feverishly search, at times like this, for the moral compass of our country.

We know it rests within each of us, and that our voices - your voices are desperately needed. We feel that calling.

We stand to honor the lives of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Martin Luther King and so very many others who over the years, 401 years, lost their lives for simply being who they are - beautiful Black people - men, women and children.

We stand in solidarity with our Black friends, relatives, family, colleagues, staff and clients.

We pledge to our Black staff to eradicate any possible internal issues for them and our Black clients.

We pledge to stand in solidarity with our partners as we push for the elimination of health and social disparities and all the contributing factors.

It is time, isn’t it, for a true equity that leads to equality and to excellent health and wellness? Not just for the privileged. It is possible.

We pledge to use our own power to work to replace institutional racism with institutionalized systems for consultation and inclusion and with institutionalized kindness, compassion and caring.

We pledge to work collaboratively with those in positions of influence to make positive change happen.

We pledge to be present for the long run.

Together with you.

NARA NW stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

Let’s do this together!

Jackie Mercer, CEO