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In light of recent events we would like to take a minute to reflect and hold ourselves accountable to promoting social justice. NAPSA's mission statement makes a commitment to "strengthen the capacity of APS at the national, state, and local levels, to effectively and efficiently recognize, report, and respond to the needs of elders and adults with disabilities who are the victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and to prevent such abuse whenever possible." While this mission has been central to our work, we realize that this mission calls us to serve our members specifically by engaging in anti-racist work, which should consistently be a part of the work that APS does to serve vulnerable groups. We are making a commitment to do this work, to actively listen to the needs of Black communities, and to hold ourselves accountable.

The National Adult Protective Services Association condemns racism in all forms. Whether it is the senseless killing by police, shootings by vigilantes, relentless attacks on Black transgender women, missing and murdered indigenous women, or weaponizing privilege due to fear of differences, we know these are not isolated incidents. The hatred, violence, and racism have been a part of the social, political, and economic climate since the beginning of our country.

It is important to acknowledge the impact of intersectionality related to age, disability, gender, religious affiliation, and/or sexuality, on the lack of safety experienced by Black individuals, indigenous peoples, and other persons of color. We have a responsibility to listen, to acknowledge the ways in which our organization can commit to being a part of the solution.

Join us as we work to listen to our members, seek out education, and cultivate stronger partners. Join us as we practice the APS values that all should be treated with honesty, caring and respect.

Thank you, as always, to your work and commitment to improving the safety of individuals and communities.

Sincerely,  
The NAPSA Board