



Statement of Solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives

"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time.
But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."
-- Aboriginal elder, activist and educator, Lila Watson

As a grassroots justice organization focused on the rights of Indigenous peoples, communities and nature, it is our moral responsibility to stand with the Movement for Black Lives and to confront systemic racism and oppression together. The United States was founded on stolen Indigenous land and made rich on the backs of kidnapped and enslaved Black peoples.

We stand in solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives, because our liberation is indeed bound together. We see you. We hear your pain, your rage, your despair. We add our prayers to your own. We grieve with you. We stand with you on the front lines.

We lift up Black voices in this moment and pledge to find meaningful ways to continue to work together to end the poverty created by the war economy; To confront police brutality created by systemic repression and injustice; To stop the ecological devastation created by corporate domination as our communities of color become legalized sacrifice zones for profit.

We are all related. Rights are not gifts from government. Rights are inherent. We refuse to watch as rights are again violated and denied our Black relatives. The time to stand together and rebuild a system based on rights and justice for all is now.

The Movement for Black Lives (M4BL): We ask our relatives everywhere to join us to take action, to stand on the frontlines and online. Join the Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) for a week of action until June 7th in defense of Black lives. For more information visit: <https://m4bl.org/week-of-action/>

Anti-Racism Resources for White People: For our white relatives just discovering that systemic white supremacy has shielded you from a world of injustice you do not experience, now is the time to become educated on anti-racism, so you may stand in true solidarity in this moment of systemic change. If you haven't engaged in anti-racism work in the past, this is a good guide to start now: <http://bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES>

For more information on Movement Rights visit our website at www.movementrights.org