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COP Response to Incident in Charlottesville, Va.

The Council of Presidents stand together with our membership against the violence and protest that occurred this weekend in Charlottesville, Va. by the evil, racist, thoughtless individuals who identify themselves as white supremacists. As anti-racism organizations, we are committed to purposefully identifying and challenge issues of race and color and the impact on our members and others.

We want to emphasize the urgency of the situation here in America and call for the United States Government to find effective means to help ensure that attacks on innocent law abiding Americans will not be tolerated. The events of last weekend provided a clear example of domestic terrorism. The behavior of a few will indeed negatively impact the future safety of many if we don't take deliberate and strategic action to ensure that all citizens enjoy the same measure of freedom and democracy.

NPHC is comprised of local councils drawn from the ranks of 1.5 million college and professional members of the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities, namely: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., and the Council of Presidents of these member organizations who come together on issues that promote the common purposes and general good for which these organizations exist.

Members of the "Divine Nine", consider this a call to action. The first step is to contact your congressional representative by sending a copy of this statement. Below is a link that will provide you contact information to your representative.

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>