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ArMA Releases Statement on the Death of George Floyd

June 2, 2020 (Phoenix) – The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) is disturbed by the recent news of George Floyd, a Black man, who was killed in police custody in Minnesota last week. Arizona physicians condemn this type of police action or any form or act of racism in our community. The health of all people in Arizona and across the country is of top priority as we work to eliminate health disparities based on race and socioeconomic status.

“Racism is a public health issue, and swift action must take place to better the health of our country,” stated Dr. Ross Goldberg, ArMA President. “We trust in our police to protect and serve our community, regardless of social, economic, or racial background, recognizing that many who are in law enforcement are committed to serving justice. There is absolutely no room for the police violence we have witnessed, both across the country and here in our state of Arizona. There must be an immediate end to this behavior through swift and appropriate action, starting with efforts from our elected officials. Respect comes with being not just a citizen but a fellow human being, and we all should be held equally accountable to each other for our actions.”

These are already unprecedented times, as society is still dealing with the effects of a global pandemic, coupled with the economic turmoil that has resulted, and the need to try and stem the spread of the disease. This type of brutal violence further strains issues and erodes the trust the community has in its law enforcement and other structures of government at a time when both are needed to help deal with the current crises. The only way we can combat this systemic problem is by doing it together, holding each other and our leadership accountable, and finally acknowledging and addressing the deep-seated issues that have existed for far too long.

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