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## **THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA'S OTTAWA BRANCH STANDS FIRM AGAINST RACISM**

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Against the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the world watches in horror and growing apprehension at what is occurring in the United States. More than a week after the tragic and senseless death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, demonstrations continue in cities across the U.S., in Canada, and around the world to protest intolerance, bigotry, and racism. While most of these remain peaceful, some are not, but they all have one thing in common: the call to stand united against discrimination.

We know the feelings these difficult times may evoke: fear, outrage, and a sense of powerlessness to do anything about it. But we want you to know - you are not alone.

The unfortunate fact is millions of Canadians face discrimination as a lived reality every single day. The Navy League of Canada's Ottawa Branch takes great pride in the fact that our two Corps are among the most diverse in the country, and our staff of wonderful volunteers continue to work tirelessly to provide a safe, respectful, and rewarding environment for all cadets. We fully support the growing condemnation of racism and intolerance. We must see an end to this scourge that plagues so many people; we need to listen, we need to learn, and we need to be part of the solution.

Together, we can make a difference.

Our cadets will become the future citizens and leaders of our communities. We want to reaffirm our commitment to providing a safe and inclusive environment, free from discrimination and harassment, one they can be proud of and build upon as they grow.

To borrow from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, a Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian, and racism has no place in Canada.

Yours aye,

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