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### **PFLAG SALISBURY STATEMENT REGARDING GEORGE FLOYD**

PFLAG Salisbury, Inc. condemns the senseless killing of George Floyd by members of the Minneapolis Police Department, as well as other recent racially motivated events, and stands in solidarity with Black people locally, and across the nation, in their appeals for accountability and justice. Our communities not only share many members, but we share a common goal in our calls for an end to discrimination and our quest for equality and freedom from oppression. The LGBTQ+ community is no stranger to subjugation, including police brutality and unequal treatment under the law. Accordingly, we are well-aware of the necessity and importance of direct social action, to include protest, in sparking societal change.

In a few short days, the LGBTQ+ community will be celebrating the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, a riot in protest of state-sanctioned violence against the LGBTQ+ community, which many mark as the visible public start of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement. We cannot ignore the intersection and parallels between LGBTQ+ people's quest for equality and the quest of the Black community, nor can we ignore the importance of meeting the needs of Black LGBTQ+ people. Particularly during this month, we recognize the ongoing struggle for liberation faced by Black LGBTQ+ people, as well as both the Black and the LGBTQ+ communities more generally, and remain committed to working to create a more just society in which all can thrive.