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**NFALA APPLAUDS THE JURY VERDICT IN THE DEREK CHAUVIN TRIAL
AND RENEWS CALL FOR SYSTEMIC REFORMS TO ADDRESS RACIAL INJUSTICES**

Chicago, IL – Last year, in the wake of the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and others, NFALA spoke out in solidarity with the African American community and called for systemic accountability for racial injustices. Now, NFALA applauds the work of the jury in Minneapolis for holding Derek Chauvin accountable for his actions and returning a guilty verdict on all counts charged against him in the killing of George Floyd. While this conviction amounts to a good first step in delivering justice and accountability, much more needs to be done to address systemic racism and racial injustices in this country. Accordingly, NFALA renews its call for the implementation of local, state, and Federal reforms to combat racial discrimination, implicit biases, and to heal the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve – especially communities of color.

“While this conviction won’t erase the tragedy that occurred, we find hope in that, at least for Mr. Floyd and his family, justice prevailed,” said NFALA President Kristy Gonowon. “Nevertheless, we remain vigilant and will continue to fight for systemic changes to ensure that the American ideal of equal justice under the law applies to all people, regardless of race or ethnicity.”

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