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As members of the Rochester community and as New Yorkers, we stand with those grieving and those seeking justice and accountability. We grieve with you and share the pain caused by recent events. **Black Lives Matter.**

But this is not enough. Words are not enough.

As a health foundation, we know that health disparities by race are pervasive and rooted in structural racism. We are surrounded by an overwhelming amount of data and evidence on inequitable health outcomes that does not need repeating. What's required now is action.

To be silent is to be complicit. To be neutral is to accept the world as it is rather than as it should be. To watch from the sidelines would mean we are failing in our mission to build a healthier region where all people can thrive.

We have a responsibility to act and a role to play in dismantling racism.

We are pledging to do our part, and we stand in solidarity with those demanding to disrupt the conditions that result in racial and other health inequities. We will listen and use our position, our privilege, and our resources to effect change toward racial justice.

The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.

