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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Statement on Death of Rayshard Brooks

Alexandria, VA. – June 15, 2020 – The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) is deeply saddened about the fatal shooting of Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta. This tragic event occurs as communities across our nation are anguished by the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other senseless deaths of blacks caused by law enforcement officers.

“This is a profoundly horrific death, but we are encouraged by the judicious investigations being conducted by the Atlanta Police Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation,” said NOBLE National President Cerelyn J. Davis. “We stand with the City of Atlanta as they work to move forward and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.”

NOBLE continues to promote 21st century policing practices and policies. Last month NOBLE issued the “First Four” recommendations for law enforcement agencies. Those policy recommendations are just the first phase law enforcement agencies across this country can take as actionable change to protect our communities and officers. NOBLE supports immediate policy changes for law enforcement that will start our communities and our nation on a path of reconciliation. The *Justice in Policing Act* introduced last week by members of Congress is a step in the right direction. The Act embraces real change, accountability, and true community policing. NOBLE also recognizes every community needs the chance to be heard and reimagine policing that meets the public safety needs of that community. We are listening, embracing solutions, and stand ready to assist law enforcement agencies, leaders, and officers working to achieve the policing mantra of “to serve and protect.”

Our communities must hold our criminal justice system accountable. Justice must be fair and justice must be equal. There is a better way to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. Now is the time for change. While NOBLE grieves with the Brooks’ family and our nation, we will continue to push for transformative changes in law enforcement.

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.NOBLENational.org.