

INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST COMMITTEE (IBC)

STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

The communities of the IBC reflect on last week's tragic death of George Floyd with great sadness and concern. The Lord Buddha teaches that all life is precious and that there is no act graver than the taking of life. We offer our sincerest prayers to Mr. Floyd, his family, and the many others who have been unjustly killed in recent years. This is a time of great challenge for our country and we stand in solidarity with all of those who are working for peace, dialogue, and justice. We equally condemn all who would take advantage of these tragic events to divide us, exploit others, or promote violence.

We are also reminded of the Buddha's teachings on the ten virtues of a righteous ruler: generosity, morality, altruism, honesty, gentleness, self-control, non-anger, non-violence, patience, and impartiality. We urge the leaders of our nation, states, counties, and cities, to act in accordance with these virtues and ensure the safety and security of all.