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**The National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. (National PAL)  
Organizational Message Regarding the Events of Minneapolis**

Charlotte, NC - June 1, 2020 - In light of the recent events regarding George Floyd in Minneapolis, The National PAL Organization offers it's heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and all that have been impacted by this senseless and unnecessary event.

This very tragic, horrific and unjust incident, that additionally was not supported by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Major Cities Chiefs Association. National PAL commends Minneapolis *Police Chief Medaria Arradondo* for his very swift, decisive and appropriate actions in addressing the incident and holding persons accountable within the full extent of which his position allows.

We applaud the impactful comments from *San Jose, CA Police Chief Eddie Garcia*. "Not going to hide behind not being there. I'd be one of the first to condemn anyone had I seen similar happen to one of my brother/sister officers. What I saw happen to George Floyd disturbed me and is not consistent with the goal of our mission" states Chief Garcia.

For over seventy-five years, National PAL and its member chapters have been the leading youth organization in building solid relationships and trust between kids, cops & communities. It is devastating actions such as those taken against George Floyd that drive tension and division between youth and law enforcement officers and erodes the great work being done by so many officers throughout our communities.

National PAL will continue the essential work of bringing Kids, Cops and Communities together through strategic partnership with law enforcement leadership, training of officers and engagement of diverse voices from across the community. There is a lot of work to be done to rebuild the trust that has been breached. These are very fragile times that require meaningful and intentional discussions, along with proactive action. National PAL will now, more than ever, address, engage and promote the issues affecting Kids, Cops & Community within the PAL network, across America and Globally.

National PAL will continue to monitor and support the needs of youth in Minneapolis, as well as, other communities across the Country, while always being available and willing to aid and assist in building and strengthening community relationships. We want to thank those law enforcement officers who with dignity and commitment, have supported and continue to tirelessly engage and work with our communities youth, we very much appreciate your support. The significant work continues and National PAL looks forward to doing its part.

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