



South Carolina Council on the Holocaust

Statement on Racism

In recent weeks our nation has been galvanized by the murder of George Floyd and the protests that have followed in its wake. The South Carolina Council on the Holocaust stands in support of the millions of Americans and those around the globe who have peacefully demonstrated in the names of George Floyd and the countless other victims of racist violence. We recognize those who have suffered social injustices under the long history of systemic and institutional racism in our country.

Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Holocaust, Nobel Peace Laureate, and author, once stated, “When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy...wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe.” He understood that the lessons of the Holocaust - tolerance, acceptance, understanding, and empathy - teach us that we must combine our efforts to strongly condemn and work to eliminate any form of discrimination.

We believe that a flourishing democracy can only continue to exist in a state that is determined to protect the ideals of equality for all, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or gender. We now carry forward the lessons of the Holocaust and unite in solidarity with those who are peacefully demonstrating and demanding true equality—with liberty and justice for all.