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Resolution No. 1 Black Lives Matter

Twin Rivers United Educators (TRUE) stands in solidarity with the family, friends, and loved ones of George Floyd, with the Black community, and with everyone demanding police accountability and justice.

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, a Minneapolis police officer murdered 46-year-old George Floyd, kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes while he pleaded to be allowed to breathe; and

WHEREAS, three other police officers aided and abetted the death of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, the Black community repeatedly faces the deaths of loved ones at the hands of the police; and

WHEREAS, the core principle of unions and the labor movement – “An Injury to One is An Injury to All” – requires all working people of conscience to take a stand for justice; and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that TRUE will engage in an ongoing dialogue of compassion and understanding that brings to life a vision for our community and schools that is culturally engaged, globally aware, safe for all points of view, and actively involved in supporting equal access to education, healthcare, and other fundamental needs. TRUE acknowledges the existence of institutionalized racism and commits to actively confront the racism that exists in our systems and structures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on our membership to safely participate in or otherwise support actions called by those seeking justice for George Floyd and all other victims of police brutality.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that TRUE will issue a statement to our entire membership to the effect of the resolution above.