

State of Sandus

the Three Grand Officers of State & the Junior Officers of State

Statement of Support for the « Black Lives Matter » Movement

The State of Sandus, and all micronations for that matter, was founded on the principle that all human beings have the rights of self-determination and expression. These are inalienable rights: no person can therefore be deprived of them. Moreover, we believe that all people endure suffering that is a result of historical, material, and phenomenological conditions, which exist as class and racial hierarchies.

Sharing platitudes after the murders of defenceless, unarmed Black people—George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Dominique Fells, and Riah Milton to name a handful—is not sufficient for our current struggle against racism and white supremacy in a postcolonial world. Many things we could offer and say at this time would pale in comparison to the magnitude and multitude of the mass action to which we all now feel called to commit.

We wish to express **our unequivocal support for the BLM movement and protests** that are ongoing in the United States and around the world. We likewise laud the political motivations and efforts in places such as Seattle's Capitol Hill for their ingenious use of collective action in this struggle.

In the immense fight against racism, white supremacy, colonialism, imperialism, fascism, and militarism, now is not the time for the return of tongue-in-cheek, heedless "satire," but rather for unambiguous solidarity and sincere commitment to the ideals that constitute our country. We send salutations and express our fraternal solidarity to black, brown, and indigenous people of colour (BIPOC) around the world, and especially our black and brown comrade citizens in Sandus. We remain committed to your humanity, your welfare, and your health and safety, whose concerns we may experience and understand through empathy and compassion.

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