

## **AAA Statement on Racism and Equity**

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In the wake of the brutal killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and countless others, we acknowledge the pain and suffering resulting from these events. As leaders of the American Accounting Association, we stand in solidarity with the victims of police brutality, their families, friends, and all those opposed to racism, violence, and inequality.

We acknowledge that these events are not isolated. They are examples of a larger system of social, economic, and academic injustice that marginalizes and dehumanizes individuals based solely on the color of their skin.

We pledge to renew our commitment to affirming collaboration, inclusiveness, trust, and mutual respect to elevate the voices of those who are silenced in our community, and to stand together to encourage and affect change and bring equity to the experience of Black/African-Americans, Latinx/Hispanic-Americans, Native Americans, and all people of color in the academy, the larger profession of accounting, and across our nation and world.

### **On behalf of the American Accounting Association**

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