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Orange County Human Rights Commission statement on violence in Charlottesville, Virginia

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Human Rights Commission Executive Director Inaudy Esposito released the following statement on Tuesday about the events that took place in Charlottesville, Va. over the weekend.

“The Orange County Human Rights Commission denounces the violence that took place during the white supremacy rally in Charlottesville, Va. over the weekend. The Commission stands in solidarity with the communities of color and marginalized groups that are under attack. We are responsible to speak out against hatred and extremism, remaining silent or inactive should not be an option,” Esposito said.

Esposito added: “Now more than ever it is important that we stand united in peace, so the people of Orange County know we are intent on being part of the solution in the fight against racism and discrimination. As the visibility of white supremacy groups continues to grow, the Commission stands with our community, as we unite against acts of bigotry and intolerance. We will continue to have vital conversations that promote the celebration of our differences and equality for everyone and will work together to ensure that all our residents feel safe and heard. White supremacy, Racism and bigotry have no place in Orange County, or anywhere in America. We will not accept it, we will not tolerate it.”

The Orange County Human Rights Commission's primary objective is to foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups, including, but not limited to: racial, religious, gender, nationality, disability, and LGBTQ. The Commission coordinates and facilitates education and awareness in the community, and with public and private organizations that foster understanding of equity, acceptance, unity, and humanity. The Human Rights office can be contacted at 615-3680.

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