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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Reacts to Shooting Deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile

Chapel Hill, NC -- Like the rest of the nation, we woke up today to news of the brutal death of yet another black man at the hands of a police officer. As a nation that has woken up too many days to news about the lives of black men and women being taken in this manner, today we mourn Alton Sterling and Philando Castile. While we commend the Department of Justice for intervening quickly in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana case yesterday, we join others in asking for the same in Falcon Heights, Minnesota.

As an organization which exists to uplift women and issues of multiculturalism and diversity, we are sad, angry, and frustrated at the lack of respect for the bodies and lives of black men and women, demonstrated by tragic and preventable occurrences across the nation. We commit and encourage our membership, which encompasses the racial, political, and professional spectrum, with women who work as advocates and grassroots organizers, teachers, doctors, law enforcement professionals and more, to continue working within your campus and community, within our organization and with others, for solutions.

Above all, we affirm that Black Lives Matter, and that we will continue to look for ways to make real change in our society for all communities and the lives of all. We are overdue for real action by authorities in these types of cases -- it is imperative that our country's authorities signal that black lives do in fact matter by holding the perpetrating parties responsible and addressing the systematic issues plaguing our country.

For more information or to speak to a representative of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., please contact Tanya S. Arditi at director.communications@thetanuxi.org.

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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. was founded on April 11, 1997, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a mission to promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds, and lifestyles. To learn more about Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., visit www.thetanuxi.org.