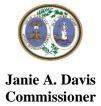
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION



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Dear Friends,

Recently, we have seen nationwide protests spurred by the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other African Americans and persons of color. The world and nation have taken notice of the injustices suffered. We heard and we understand the calls for justice, but we plead that the threat to life and the destruction of property across the country and this state end.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "Rioting is the language of the unheard." The world and this state have heard. As the smoke clears, it is time to talk with elected officials and local leaders to effect real change where you live. This is the time to begin working together to solve the problems you see in your community. Know that the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission is strategically working with state, county, and city government officials to bring about change. But most importantly, we want to work with you.

If you truly want to make a difference in your community, we encourage you to become a positive agent for change and let us work together to solve problems in your community. We invite you to work collaboratively with your county's Community Relations Council and if your county does not have a Council, call us and we will help you establish one. The time is now.

Working together for a better South Carolina.

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Sincerely,

Janie A. Davis Commissioner