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Accountability for the Murder of George Floyd

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The brutal killing of George Floyd in Minnesota last year under the knee of a law enforcement officer woke the nation. The murder and manslaughter convictions of the officer involved announced Tuesday signaled our country might be ready to address long-standing issues of racial injustice and social inequity.

The senseless murder of a yet another unarmed Black man by an armed White man in uniform was anything but uncommon. Holding the officer accountable was unique; it had never happened before in that state's history. Ever.

Also ground-breaking has been the size of the White population standing in solidarity with Persons of Color. There have been allies in the past, but the sustained momentum of a united nation outraged is palpable. Brothers and sisters across the color spectrum now "Say Their Name" – aloud.

It is almost difficult to proclaim that justice was served in this trial. The evidence had suggested a clear-cut and irrefutable guilty verdict, yet many questions surrounded the pending outcome. Having a jury of peers with the audacity to vote with clear conscience and without fear of retaliation does signify an inflection point in the pursuit of justice for all.

The Community Care Network of Kansas stands with an America ready to begin dismantling institutional racism. We affirm our commitment to mitigating the harm caused by arbitrary societal divisions. And we reject anything standing in the way of Health, Equity and Justice.