Dear Friends of the NLM,

Like many of you, we at the National Liberty Museum are heartbroken by the situation we have found ourselves in as a nation. As an institution founded to address the issues of liberty and freedom for ALL people, we mourn the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and the countless other lives lost to systemic racism in our country. More than ever, we need to continue to shed light on the injustices that exist in our society and that ultimately affect us all. As Dr. Martin Luther King stated, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

At the National Liberty Museum, we are vowing to dedicate ourselves to standing up against injustice. Our efforts to educate everyone on the dangers of inaction, of being a bystander instead of standing up for what’s right, are more important than ever. We must continue to dedicate ourselves to taking a fresh look at our programming, exhibitions, visitor experiences, and more, to facilitate important and intentional dialogue around the issues of freedom and liberty facing our country. Even more importantly, we must be a place that listens; a place that creates safe spaces where people who are often voiceless can share their experiences and feel truly heard and respected.

A phrase we often use at the NLM is “Live Like a Hero.” There is no better time than now to put that statement into practice. The true heroes of our society will always be those with the courage to speak up against injustice and tyranny. We urge all of you to activate the true hero inside by showing up, speaking out, and fighting inequality wherever you find it. Let us hope that one day our efforts will ensure a better, more equitable society for all.

Thank you and please stay safe!

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