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Dear NABNA Members:

I regret to inform you that for the first time in history, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the safety and welfare of our members we have to cancel the 43rd Annual National Association of Black Narcotic Agents (NABNA) Leadership Conference scheduled for July 21-23, 2020 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Once the FY 2021 - 44th Annual Conference location is announced the NABNA.org website will be updated.

The symbolism of oppression has now become the knee around the world. The cost to our nation was the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Sandra Bland, Freddie Gray, Sam Dubose, Philando Castile, Walter Scott, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, Freddie Hampton, the list goes on... People are tired of the many more injustices inflicted upon people of color due to brutality at the hands of law enforcement officers.

As so many members of our communities suffer, being silent is simply not an option. As black law enforcement agents, we have a responsibility to support our community and represent our badge. There is no harder time to do that than right now. As the President of the National Association of Black Narcotic Agents (NABNA), I ask that you stand up, support and invest in your local community. For some of us you may be called upon to work behind the lines ensuring safety supporting your local law enforcement brothers, for some it may be peaceful protesting with your brothers on the other side of the line for the Black Lives Matter movement. Wherever you stand hold your family together with love and compassion through this traumatizing time.

Change is coming. We are seeing the true power of the melting pot as people of all ages, colors, religions and sexualities unite in the call #BlackLivesMatter. A few short years ago, taking a knee could have cost you your job. Today, thousands of people are taking a knee to demand an equal world in the name of our siblings whose lives have been taken at the hand of those who were sworn to protect them. Remember why you chose to be an agent, serve and protect all civilians in this country.

I want to thank the NABNA members for supporting each other through this time, NABNA is here to support you. If you need prayer or if there is any way we can support you please call me personally at 646-529-4081. Thank you for all you do every day to support our country. Stay safe, stay healthy, and be well. Don't forget to vote in November!

Karen D. Dorough-Adams - NABNA President