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STATE ATTORNEY NELSON ISSUES MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY

A message to the community from State Attorney Melissa Nelson:

Healing begins with us.

As employees of the State Attorney's Office, we are often the first step in the healing process for our victims and their families. Every day, we are presented with the tremendous opportunity to offer restoration and peace in the lives of those who are hurting.

Like all of you, the recent killing of George Floyd shocked and angered me. As a prosecutor and a person, it disturbed me to my core.

Racism and injustice have no place in our society. Period. The hate that fuels the acts of violence affecting communities across our country is unbearable.

We will continue to work with our partners to protect peaceful protests taking place in our circuit. It is of chief importance to me that we continue to work together to make our community and our justice system better for everyone.

Also, know that those who resort to violence and who destroy property will be held accountable.

We are not deterred in our obligation to seek justice for all. My commitment to serving and protecting the citizens of Northeast Florida remains as strong as ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa".