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HBF Call for Human Dignity and the Rejection of Violence in Israel, Palestine, and Haiti.

In support of a world where we continually strive to advance humanitarian values, we at Healthy Black Families (HBF) cannot remain silent when we witness human rights violations, as we are seeing in the Middle East and Haiti. Today we unite with those standing for human rights and the universal principles of human dignity, standing in solidarity against violence and apartheid.

Middle East: Rejecting Apartheid and Pursuing Justice

The system of apartheid, characterized by institutionalized racial segregation, and political, social, and economic discrimination violates the principles of equality, justice, and respect for all that binds us to each other as a compassionate global community. In the Middle East, we are bearing witness to the devolution of a longstanding tragedy, where basic human rights are being denied to Palestinian people, resulting in a tragic and massive loss of human life, including the lives of women and children. HBF's pinnacle core value is human dignity. This value operates through a consciousness and active support of every human being to have respect and to have their basic needs met. To be in alignment with this value, we promote policies and support behaviors that demonstrate value for all human beings, regardless of their perspectives or orientation. This is the heartbeat of HBF's work and, as such, we must speak about this atrocity through our values. This value-based stance firmly rejects the construct of unjust systems and calls for an equitable and lasting resolution to this conflict that ensures human rights and dignity for of all those living in the region.

Haiti: Embracing Hope Amidst Turbulence

Haitian people are fighting for the right to water along the border that is shared with the Dominican Republic to irrigate farms and expand the country's agriculture but are facing intense abuse from Dominicans, brutal expulsion from the area, and sometimes violent death of women and children.

Haiti is a nation populated by resilient people, with a rich history that is instrumental to the founding of the United States. Haiti has endured recurring cycles of instability and suffering. As advocates for human dignity, we bring voice to the violence and injustice that continues to plague this Black nation. Our hearts are with the Haitian people as they strive for a future marked by peace, prosperity, liberation, stability, and access to basic resources to prosper.

Embracing Peace and Unity

Violence only begets more violence, and it is our collective responsibility as a human family to promote diplomacy, negotiation, and peaceful dialogue as the pathways to resolution and building beloved global communities. As community leaders and advocates for human dignity, we must work tirelessly to ensure that people throughout the world are able to live in peace and security, free from oppression, tyranny, and fear. All people have value and are entitled to rights that support their dignity as human beings.

A brighter, more just future

Those who understand and embrace these truths must work together to create a brighter, more just, loving future where the principles of equality, human rights, and human dignity are upheld for all, irrespective of their background, ethnicity, or religion. Let our collective actions reflect our commitment to a world where human dignity reigns supreme, and where the aspirations of all people are centered and given resources to be realized.

Let us stand together in our resolute rejection of violence and apartheid, and in our unwavering support for the pursuit of justice, peace, and the preservation of human rights and human lives. The path to a better world begins with love and us.