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Let Us Stand United Again: Happy 4th of July from the AMLC

The American Midwest Leadership Council AMLC takes this opportunity to wish all Americans a very happy Independence Day, while we remind us all of the freedoms and principles on which this country has been founded. Attaining those freedoms as promised has been an ever evolving process led by the sacrifices of courageous fighters from those who led the fight to abolishing slavery; to institute the voting rights for women; to the right of workers to unionize & bring an end to child's labor; to desegregation of schools, to Affirmative Action & the Civil Rights Act; and led to the creation of the EPA; as today & tomorrow our fight continues.

America has been built by immigrants, from all walks of life. It is this diversity which constitutes the foundation of our country's leadership in innovation from Edison's light bulb through Dr. DE bake's pioneering heart surgery, to the late Steve Job's I-Phone 10; as well as those who led those legendary fights to institute our freedoms listed earlier.

Today's 4th of July celebration is sadly marred by the currently divisive rhetoric orchestrated by our President's tweets leading the charge to gut out the EPA; the Supreme Court upholding the Muslim Travel Ban; and the cruel separation & detention of children as they are pried away from their mothers' arms who arrived at the US Border seeking asylum from life-threatening violence.

We are alarmed at the continued expansion of wall along the US-Mexico border being built by the same company, which has erected the Israeli Apartheid Wall on Palestinian land cutting people off from their farms, schools, hospitals, & places of worship.

We stand deeply saddened by our administration's continued support for Israel's Apartheid regime against our Palestinian brothers & sisters with an annual four billion dollar subsidy to help Israel illegally establish Jewish only Colonies on stolen Palestinian lands.

Meanwhile, our US government stands alone with Israel, against the international consensus, voting 128 member nations to 7 objections in the recent UN General Assembly's resolution adopted regarding Gaza Palestinians living in the "largest open air prison" needing protection against Israeli killings, while peacefully nonviolently in Gandhi & MLK style weekly protests. Palestinian have been demanding a lift of the inhuman Israeli siege on Gaza & the return of refugees to homes from which their families were uprooted, a right annually reaffirmed by the UN resolutions. Palestinians continue their weekly protests insisting on their demands at the price of 134 killed & 14,000 wounded with no signs for let up.

We recall on the Fourth of July, as patriotic & loyal Americans, that US support for Israel since 1948 to the present and leaving Palestinians in refugee camps, comes as no shock to those with enlightened minds. Let us recall, we Americans, as immigrants are living on ancestral lands of

Native American Nations, as their resistance was vanquished through multiple peace treaties, all to be violated by European Colonist rendering the First Nation natives living in “Indian Reservations,” the older term for “refugee camps.”

In view of the current Black Lives Matter campaign standing against the often summary killing by police of people of color, without justice in the courts for the fallen victims, plus the disproportionate incarceration of black youth in prisons run for profit, we Americans who are celebrating this Independence Day are confronted with the patriotic challenge: Are we to speak out and fight to preserve the freedoms attained by sacrifices of our predecessors, or will we sit & watch history made against us while we wait, wishing for better times?

As Americans, this is a must time to speak out; to actively be involved at all levels of governments demanding our representatives to provide a healthy responsible leadership to our citizens and shape a future America which is united, inclusive, and which honors diversity as a source of creativity & strength.

“We are poised at a critical moment in history in which we, the American people, can allow the current divisive rhetoric of racism and hate to proliferate and stand idly while the present administration continues to enact policies that are highly detrimental to our society and our standing in the world; or we can choose to fight for the freedoms America was built on”, said Mr. Muthanna Al-Hanooti, AMLC Board Member.

The AMLC demands an immediate end to our government’s role in the war of Yemen rendering it another failed state, as was the case with Somalia. We also call on our government to immediately rescind its illegal decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem. We also call for an immediate stop of the US undeclared role in the destruction of our Arab civilization in Syria serving objectives of Israeli hegemony in the region. We urge instead, the protection of Syrian areas from Ariel bombardment and guarantee the safe return of seven million Syrian refugees to their homeland in order to live safely under a democratically run government.

Let us once again be the land of the free for all - regardless of race, gender, religion, or creed. Let us be the home to those patriots amongst us, who are brave enough to fight for protection of those freedoms and ensure they continue to thrive. Freedom was never, and will never, be free.

Happy Independence Day to all.