

## **A Statement of Solidarity from RPF Board and Staff**

RPF is in solidarity with all Black communities as we recognize the grief and pain of centuries of anti-Blackness and the events of the past few weeks. We mourn the lives of Regis Korchinski-Paquet, D'Andre Campbell, Andrew Loku, Abdirahman Abdi, Jermaine Carby, George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and many others across Turtle Island (North America) who were the victims of racist systems that were never built to protect them.

The past and ongoing violence against all Black lives and Indigenous peoples is deeply rooted in the fabric of our society that is shaped by the interrelated impacts of settler colonialism and systemic anti-Black racism. As we celebrate National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month, we affirm that Black 2SLGBTIQ+ and Black Indigenous lives matter.

RPF's mandate is to support BIPOC communities through film and media arts. Our work has been and will continue to prioritize, support, amplify, and celebrate Black artists and narratives. We are always listening and learning and trying to do better and we will continue to reflect on the ways in which we benefit from and contribute to anti-Black racism and systemic oppression.

We ask that you join RPF in supporting and amplifying the work of Black-led film and media arts organizations in Toronto. Donate, if possible, to these important initiatives and creators: [Black Youth! Pathway 2 Industry \(BYP2I\)](#), [Black Women Film! Canada](#), [CaribbeanTales Film Festival](#), [Sisterhood Media](#), [Reel World Film Festival](#) and the [Toronto Black Film Festival](#).

To Black families and individuals in Regent Park and beyond, we see you, we hear you, we are here with you. We highlight some resources for healing and mental well being at this time: [Black Healing and Support, GTA](#), [Black Mental Health Matters](#), [TAIBU Community Health Centre](#), [Black Health Alliance](#).

**Black Lives Matter.**