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NFALA STATEMENT ON TRAGEDY IN ORLANDO

NFALA Mourns the Lives Lost in Orlando, Florida and Stands in Solidarity with Its Brothers and Sisters in the LGBTQ Community

Chicago, IL, June 13, 2016 – The National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) joins the country and its brothers and sisters in the LGBTQ community in expressing outrage and sadness over the mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida on June 12, 2016. NFALA expresses its deepest sympathies to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of this massacre.

NFALA stands in solidarity with the LGBTQ community and affirms its commitment to protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning people and to ensuring that the laws of the United States advance equality and justice for all of its communities.

This senseless violence is not only an attack on our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, but also against all Americans. NFALA condemns such hateful acts, as well as, divisive speech and attitudes that seek to pit communities of color and minority groups against each other. We specifically reject any attempts to sow hatred against the Muslim community as a result of this tragedy. We stand in solidarity with all groups who have faced oppression and discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

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The National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) is a national association of Filipino-American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students dedicated to promoting the professional development, interests, and success of Filipino-American legal professionals nationwide. NFALA represents over 1,000 attorneys and various state and local Filipino-American bar associations. NFALA is the voice for the national Filipino-American legal community and strives to fight for equal opportunity and the rights of underserved minority groups.

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