

COMMUNITY STATEMENT OF SUPPORT – July 2020

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments is fortunate to represent 28 high-functioning counties and municipalities as members while providing many direct services to underserved, at-risk populations across our rural region and beyond. Both the communities and leaders throughout our region have responded admirably to both the health crisis posed by COVID-19, and the economic hardships that have followed in its wake. Amidst the chaos of the last few months and the slow but crucial reopening of our communities, our nation is now experiencing a different type of crisis altogether. Though it may seem distant in miles from us, we cannot help but be impacted by current events set in motion by extreme police brutality committed against George Floyd. Though many of our constituents may work amid destination resorts, and thrive in healthy communities, living in the shadow of wealth and privilege does not spare residents of our valleys from human adversity or shield them from the damaging impacts of racism, injustice or inequality wherever it occurs. We all feel the impact and recognize the importance of speaking up. NWCCOG stands with those demanding an end to systemic racism and violence, while continuing in our mission to support local leaders as they develop and uphold public policies worthy of our values, our humanity, and our best selves.