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**In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Condemns
Racist Violence,
*Calls on Trump administration to take action***

Statement of Founder and Executive Director Marcela Howell

WASHINGTON — In response to the deadly attack on civil rights protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia today, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Founder and Executive Director Marcela Howell issued the following statement:

"Our hearts go out to those who were injured or killed as they stood against hate and rallied for equality and justice in Charlottesville. We call on President Trump to fire the alt-right white supremacists on his staff and we demand that Attorney General Sessions investigate the hate crimes perpetrated against the civil rights protesters today. The country needs moral leadership exhibited by action, not empty rhetoric, which is only a tacit endorsement of racism and hate."

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[In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda](http://www.blackrj.org) is a national reproductive justice organization focused on lifting up the voices of Black women at the national and regional levels in our ongoing policy fight to secure reproductive justice for all women and girls. Our eight strategic partners include Black Women for Wellness, Black Women's Health Imperative, New Voices for Reproductive Justice, SisterLove, Inc. SisterReach, SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW, The Afiya Center and Women With A Vision.