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We, as law enforcement leaders in DeKalb County are saddened by the events unfolding across our country. We believe every person should be treated with dignity and respect, and that all law enforcement officers have a duty to protect human rights. We do not condone police brutality. Every person has the right to be treated fairly by police officers. We also respect the right to demonstrate and have stood with those exercising their rights which we all took an oath to uphold. Along with these beliefs, we recognize the anger and frustration that many are feeling at this time. Peaceful protests are powerful tools to make voices heard, not the destruction of our businesses and neighborhoods. Violence and damage in our community affects everyone and greatly impacts those who have worked hard to establish their businesses and those that support families. We commend those who have raised their voice. We ask as they continue to do so that they do it peacefully to serve as a model for our entire country. Our agencies will continue to work together with our community to foster trust and respect between the citizens and those who serve them.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Roger Scott  
State's Attorney Rick Amato  
DeKalb Interim Chief John Petragallo  
Sycamore Chief Jim Winters  
NIU Police Chief Tom Phillips