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ANNAPOLIS, MD – The Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission (MLTRC) and the Maryland Commission on African

American History and Culture (MCAAHC) today announced a partnership in which both commissions will work together to promote equity, healing, and justice in Maryland.

“For over 50 years, MCAAHC has documented the history of the advancements of Black Americans, advancements all made despite the obstacle of oppression. This joint statement intends to provide context for those who see through rose-colored glasses, therefore, failing to see patterns of historic oppression at work today,” said Rev. Tamara E. Wilson, Chair, MCAAHC. “Additionally, it provides a framework for the work we must do to dismantle these systemic racist practices that continue to disenfranchise and further subjugate Black lives today.”

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