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**Get Out and Vote Statement**

Greetings:

Be it known that I, Lynn Lewis, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, F.&A.M. and Jurisdiction, Inc. do hereby issue a statement in support of the Get Out and Vote initiative.

Incredibly we are less than 45 days from the most important elections of our life. Which means its officially time to Get Out the Vote.

Prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Prince Hall Masons enjoyed the privilege of voting in their Lodges...even when Black people in America were unable to. So much so, that in many jurisdictions it is considered a Masonic offense to not vote or abstain from voting in a masonic lodge.

As Prince Hall Masons for the State of Iowa, I encourage you to vote in the 2020 elections! I ask that you do more than just vote, please encourage, educate and support those around you to understand the public policies that will affect your communities and the importance of voting at all levels, not just for President. It is important that your voice is heard.

There are numerous Get Out and Vote initiatives going on throughout the state, please join forces with those organizations in your respective communities and help individuals get registered to vote. Voting is a privilege. It is a hard-won right worthy of honoring those that fought and died to secure it (for all people) and those that continue to put their lives on the line to preserve it. Let no impediment stop you from its exercise.


For more information and education, please visit the following organizations for more information:

<https://www.naacp.org/vote/>

[https://www.aclu-ia.org/sites/default/files/09.10.20\\_how\\_to\\_vote\\_by\\_mail.pdf](https://www.aclu-ia.org/sites/default/files/09.10.20_how_to_vote_by_mail.pdf)

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html>

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