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## **Auburn YMCA-WEIU Skaneateles YMCA & Community Center Equity Statement**

**The Auburn YMCA - WEIU unequivocally believes that equity and justice are the rights of everyone. We stand in solidarity with the African American communities across our nation in grieving the tragedies, losses and in inequalities that have faced our nation.**

**The Auburn YMCA - WEIU stands with those that denounce racism, prejudice, marginalization and violence and recognizes the need for focused efforts to address root causes of systemic racism and repression in the broader communities we serve. We accept the responsibility to help resolve the obstacles within our culture that stand in the way of full equity and inclusion for all and the necessary reforms to ensure equal protection under the law.**

**YMCA programs are critical because they enhance the collective well-being of our communities. It is within our YMCA communities that people come together to celebrate our shared humanity and remember that what unites us will always be stronger than what divides us. Yet, we have much work ahead.**

**The Auburn YMCA - WEIU will continue to ensure that communities have safe spaces for people to gather, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, economic status or social status. We will continue to promote a healthy spirit, mind and body for every person. As a YMCA community for over 160 years, we ask that the communities we serve stand with us against these unbearable injustices.**

**We welcome your input on how to continue to improve the YMCA for our community.**