

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

John L. Lowery | Lumbee Tribal Chairman



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Statement from Chairman John L. Lowery

Right now, our community is dealing with a lot of pain. Many are broken hearted, as they cope with the death of a precious family member, friend, and mother. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and Pastors, it is time to have a serious discussion with OUR sons, grandsons, nephews, brothers and friends, about domestic abuse. In no aspect of our culture or daily lives is it permissible to hit, beat, or murder a female. This notion that a man has to "own" or "possess" a woman should not be taught or allowed. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc., it is time to have a serious discussion with OUR daughters about toxic behavior and red flags. Verbal, emotional, and physical abuse should never be part of any relationship. The first time it is tolerated, the chances that it will happen again will only increase moving forward.

Discussions must begin immediately with those we love about their behavior and what we will tolerate and what we expect from others. Relationships should not be toxic. If two people cannot see eye to eye, love each other and treat one another with respect, then they need to agree to go their separate ways. We have to learn to channel our anger and get it out in a way that is not abusive to others. We have to stop the bullying, stop the gossiping, stop the hating, and begin healing.

The Lumbee Tribe will continue to work with our partners to increase services to victims and create programs to prevent domestic abuse. If you are dealing with domestic violence, whether it is physical, emotional, verbal or you just need someone to talk to, we are here for you. Call our Tribal Support Services at 910.522.5055.

We respect our mothers; We respect our daughters; We respect our children and families. Violence is not traditional.

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