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## **Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver Responds to the Tragic Events in Charlottesville**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver released the following statement today regarding the tragic events that took place this weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia:

“As this weekend's tragic events in Charlottesville have unfolded, I've shared the outrage, disgust and despair of my fellow Americans. As a public official, it is important to unequivocally state that I vehemently denounce the racist, anti-American sentiments displayed by the white-nationalists, KKK and neo-Nazis. My heart aches for the families of those who were killed and for all who were injured. We have come too far in this nation to allow hate, ignorance or intolerance to divide us. It is the tremendous diversity of our citizenry that makes America great.

“It is my great hope that the horror displayed this weekend will serve as a call to all Americans to unite against domestic terrorism and to recommit to active participation in our nation's governance. Never doubt the power of your voice and your vote.”

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