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**Thursday, December 10, 2020 • 6:00 p.m.**

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I commit to take a stand against all violence

I hereby pledge that

- I will not support or participate in any physical, verbal, or emotional violence against any person, in my home, in my school, or in my community
- I am committed to resolving all conflicts in a peaceful way.
- If I see something, I will say something.
- If I hear something, I will tell someone.

I am committed to love, honor, and respect persons of all races and all religion.

I will support my community by examining my own actions and making every effort to watch out for my neighbor.

I understand that every person, every organization, and every community has a role to play.

I will do my part to put a stop to violence.

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