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Statement by Rev. Larry Walker - MDC President

The Montpelier Descendants Committee (MDC) unequivocally condemns Donald Trump for the racist video depicting former President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama that he posted on February 6, 2026. This video is the latest example of an Administration that has traded the dog whistles of the post-Jim Crow era for today's racist bull horn.

Enslaved people – legally trafficked and traded in the most inhumane system in history were often portrayed as animal-like to satisfy the conscience of America's founding enslavers such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. As descendants of the enslaved, we implore all moral citizens of the world to join in condemning Trump's actions.

It is no coincidence Trump chose the first week of Black History Month – begun 100 years ago as Negro History Week in 1926 – to display this shameful racial stereotype. It is equally disgusting when the person posting this filth is the president of the country we helped to build. Where is the voice of moral America? Where are the church leaders? Is this the version of "Make America Great Again" you endorse? Or, does your silence represent your agreement?

The nation's Semiquincentennial celebration continues to provide the world with a constant reminder of just how deep the racist roots of America's foundation are. The Montpelier Descendants Committee stands with all African Americans and like-minded citizens who stand against racism and will not be silenced.

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