



OFFICE OF THE CORONER MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Statement of Diversity & Inclusivity

Our Nation is embroiled in civil unrest and demand for action against racism, intolerance, and injustice that continue to exist in our country.

As coroner, my office serves many communities and help the forensic sciences support truth in evidence. Truth in evidence exonerates the innocent and holds the guilty accountable. Truth in evidence must come forth and be presented without bias or prejudice and truly represent equal justice for all.

Our Nation continues to struggle with racism, injustice, and bias. We must address persistent biases in all of our communities and amongst all peoples. These are important issues and we must increase our efforts to be ever vigilant and prevent implicit or explicit bias from entering the investigative process. We must continue to serve our public in a professional, humanitarian way and keep our pledge to vigilantly respect and uphold diversity and inclusion, while thwarting discrimination of any kind. Seeking, finding, and documenting the truth for the cause of justice for all must be the overarching objective of this office.

We must maintain an inclusive community and workplace that accepts, respects, and values diversity to include ethnicity/ancestry/self-identified race, national origins, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, religion, political views, and disability and honors both the commonalities and differences of all members of our community, while maintaining the good discipline and order in the workplace that provides for thorough, competent service giving way to answers that represents the truth transparently and fairly for one and all.

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