Anti-Death Penalty Vigil Continues at the U.S. Supreme Court for its 27th Year
Highlighting Racial Injustice, Extra-Judicial Executions by Police

Due to COVID-19, most of the usual programming will be held online, but a smaller vigil will still take place outside the U.S. Supreme Court

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WHEN: Throughout the day and evening from June 29 to July 2

WHAT: An extensive online program, public vigil, and four day liquid-only fast to mark the anniversaries of the historic 1972 Furman and 1976 Gregg Supreme Court decisions on the death penalty.

WHO: Exonerated death row prisoners, murder victim family members, 125+ anti-death penalty activists from as many as 20 states, clergy, scholars and leaders of state and national anti-death penalty organizations.

WHERE: Online, and on the sidewalk in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, DC

To maintain the safety of participants who normally travel from across the United States and beyond, we are gathering in groups only online. A limited in-person presence will occur on the sidewalk in front of the Court simultaneous to online panel discussions each of the four days at 11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

Please see full schedule and details at http://www.abolition.org/fastandvigil/schedule.html.

Event background:

This year, June 29, 2020 marks the 48th anniversary of the Furman v. Georgia decision in which the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated all death penalty laws in the United States, finding capital punishment to be applied in an arbitrary and capricious manner. July 2nd marks the 44th anniversary of the 1976 Gregg decision, which upheld new state death penalty laws and allowed the resumption of executions.

This is the 27th consecutive year that the Abolitionist Action Committee will hold its annual Fast and Vigil between the dates of these two landmark decisions. Activists, many of whom are fasting the entire four days, are traveling to Washington D.C. from across the United States and beyond.

The Abolitionist Action Committee is an ad-hoc group of individuals committed to highly visible and effective public education for alternatives to the death penalty through nonviolent direct action.

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