



## **Reproductive Health Technologies Project Joins with #BlackLivesMatter to #SayHerName**

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**Washington, D.C.** - Sandra Bland. Rekia Boyd. Tanisha Anderson. India Clarke. Yvette Smith. These are just a few of the names of black women whose untimely deaths have come as a result of police violence or neglect. The Reproductive Health Technologies Project (RHTP) is proud to stand in solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter movement and #SayHerName in order to create accountability for the unjustified and systemic murder of black women, including black trans women, and black men by the state. The following is a statement by Jessica Arons, President & CEO of RHTP:

“RHTP would like to lift up and honor the work of our reproductive justice allies who remind us that bodily autonomy includes not only the right to decide whether or not to have a child, but also to live free from fear of violence and to be able to raise one’s children with dignity. We are outraged by the countless number of people of color, particularly African Americans, who have died while in police custody, and our hearts ache for the parents whose children have lost their lives at the hands of those who were tasked with protecting them.

“RHTP calls on our government to ensure that the questionable deaths of people like Sandra Bland are thoroughly investigated, that justice is served, and that systemic racism is rooted out wherever it lies.”

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Founded in 1982, the mission of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project is to advance the ability of every woman of any age to achieve full reproductive freedom with access to the safest, most effective, appropriate and acceptable technologies for ensuring her own health and controlling her fertility. To fulfill this mission, we seek to build consensus in support of an education, research and advocacy agenda for reproductive health and reproductive freedom. We seek consensus through a process of dialogue among diverse communities about technological developments and their global implications.