



**WEST COAST PORTS TO HONOR GEORGE FLOYD  
WITH EXTENDED PERIOD OF SILENCE ON JUNE 9 AT 9 A.M.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (June 8, 2020) — Peaceful protesters on the West Coast and throughout the nation continue to bring urgent attention to the inequalities that stretch far back in our nation’s history and continue today.

West Coast ports are joining the national conversation, beginning with an extended period of silence on Tuesday, June 9 at 9 a.m. in honor of George Floyd. Terminal operations at all 29 West Coast ports will be idled for eight minutes and 46 seconds – the amount of time a police officer knelt on Mr. Floyd’s neck, leaving him gasping for air before he died.

The action is in recognition of the deaths of Mr. Floyd and so many others, and the institutional racism which too often leads to significantly diminished life opportunities for Black Americans. All cranes will cease operation along with the gates, trucking, on-dock rail and other activities.

“We would like to think our nation offers equal opportunity and protection for all, regardless of one’s skin color, zip code, or background, but the stark reality is far more discouraging,” said PMA CEO Jim McKenna. “We need to call out the inequities that exist and work together for permanent and positive change with focus, hope and inspiration.”

Many of the West Coast ports are located in diverse cities where peaceful protests are taking place, including Los Angeles, Long Beach, Oakland, Tacoma, Seattle, and Portland. West Coast ports handle a majority of the maritime cargo that helps fuel the U.S. economy, brings vital goods and medical supplies to local communities, and supports millions of American jobs.

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