

ENOUGH! by Joan, tenant at Oak Meadows

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*"It is that graced time when we are not yet certain or in control, when something genuinely new can happen."*

Friday, May 28, 2020 was not a good day. Hope struggled to break through the despair that kept seeping in with the morning's news reports. Added to the despair was fear. We were viewing and listening to our shaken leaders, the Governor, Mayors, State Attorney, Police, the Department of Public Safety, National Guard, Lawyers, State Patrol, and (I suspect I've missed a few), after a night of riots, looting and burning on the streets of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Shaken, but seemingly melded as a team overnight, they appeared before us as one unit, sober, seeking to clean up on "the morning after". By days end we witnessed the Governor's admission that his "white privileged life" hindered his comprehension of the sufferings of peoples of color. Out of his admission rose his passionate plea "Help us". Help us to understand!" His words were reiterated by other officials interviewed. "We will listen." "The Unheard must be heard." "Broken shattered glass can be swept up, but the broken shattered parts of our society that are in bondage are saying to the world, Enough!"

By Saturday the media reports revealed the Twin Cities has not only made a mark on history, but had captured the attention of the whole country! And, according to residents with relatives in other countries, that of the World! Through news conferences Minnesotans learned the National Guard had been recruited in full force (over 5,000) and our circle of leadership expanded to include the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Which can only communicate to us in Minnesota that we are engaged in another battle, not with an invisible virus, but this time, with humans organized and trained to infiltrate our cities after dark with the purpose of using citizens in peaceful gatherings as shields to their furtive acts of violence and destruction! They have been named..."Domestic Terrorists."

Enough! That's it! You've crossed over the line! No more "Minnesota Nice".