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Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management (I-DIEM) Presents the Groundbreaking Documentary "**Muted: Climate Marginalization in America**" Premiering January 25th

ATLANTA, GA, JANUARY 25, 2024 – The Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management (I-DIEM) proudly announces the release of its compelling documentary, "**Muted: Climate Marginalization in America**," on January 25, 2024. This powerful film will be available for streaming on I-DIEM's official website, www.I-DIEM.org/Muted beginning on January 25th.

"**Muted**" takes viewers on an extraordinary journey through the Deep South, uncovering the profound impact of climate change on generations of local knowledge, history, and culture. This thought-provoking documentary explores the untold truths, hidden pain, and unshakeable fear that haunt rural, underserved communities across America. As their future hangs in uncertainty, individuals from marginalized communities fight to be heard in the climate resilience space.

From navigating life in the face of repeated disasters to addressing the systemic racism that makes certain populations more expendable, "Muted" delves deep into the narratives that shape our collective identity and future. Through breathtaking visuals, expert interviews, and personal accounts, the documentary unveils the remarkable tapestry of human achievement, resilience, and discovery.

Key Themes of this film include:

- **Climate Change:** Examining the devastating impacts of an increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events on communities and ecosystems.
- **Exclusive Resilience:** Illuminating exclusionary practices that leave communities more vulnerable to the effects of climate change.
- **Cultural Diversity:** Celebrating the richness of human traditions and stories that are under threat.
- **Environmental Challenges:** Addressing urgent global issues and exploring sustainable solutions.
- **Personal Journeys:** Hearing from individuals whose lives have been profoundly impacted by their discoveries and experiences.

"We are thrilled to present '**Muted: Climate Marginalization in America**' as a testament to the resilience of communities often overlooked in the climate resilience conversation. This documentary not only uncovers the harsh realities these communities face but also celebrates their strength, culture, and determination," said **Chauncia Willis, CEO and Co-Founder at I-DIEM**. This film was made possible by a grant from the Walmart Foundation.

Release Information:

Title: Muted: Climate Marginalization in America

Release Date: January 25, 2024

Streaming Platform: www.I-DIEM.org/muted

To learn more about "Muted" and to stay updated on additional content and a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the making of the documentary, follow I-DIEM on social media [[@I_DIEM](#)] and use the hashtag [#WeAreMuted](#).

To support promoting the film, I-DIEM will be coordinating exclusive showings and appearances with members of the production team at selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), with Tribal groups, and at other events including the 2024 National Hurricane Conference. To request a showing please contact Greg Padgett at Greg.Padgett@I-DIEM.org.

About the Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management

The Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management is a 501(c)3, global non-profit organization established to facilitate change by integrating equity into all aspects of emergency management. Our focus is on humanity, and our vision supports the empowerment of marginalized communities within all phases of the disaster management cycle. Learn more at www.I-DIEM.org.

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