

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened by and condemn the Islamophobic violence which shook the globe on March 15, 2019, in Christchurch, New Zealand. This act of hate left 50 dead, 50 injured, and countless families shattered and traumatized.

The victims were targeted as they gathered at the Al Noor and Linwood mosques for Friday prayers. Those killed include three-year-old Mucaad Ibrahim, described by his family as “full of energy, love and happiness”, and Husna Ahmed, 45, killed while trying to shield her wheelchair-bound husband.

While their names and stories are too numerous to be recounted here today, we hope that we can take a moment to reflect on how and why these senseless acts of violence continue to occur.

We know many here in our Muslim community will feel shaken by this senseless attack and it raises fears of further hate-fuelled violence.

We want each and every member of our City's Muslim community to know that your City supports you, your City is dedicated to protecting you, and your City respects and embraces you – just as Toronto embraces people of all faiths and backgrounds. We will not let this sickening act of violence change our commitment to diversity and freedom.

We commit to ensuring our City takes action on Islamophobia and hate in all its forms.

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