

RESOLUTION
of the
MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is committed to preventing and prohibiting any form of discrimination in public institutions, accommodations, and services, as shown by its public policy; and

Whereas the first amendment to the Constitution established the United States as a country committed to the principles of tolerance and religious freedom, and the 14th amendment to the Constitution established equal protection of the laws as the heart of justice in the United States

Whereas Muslims and people perceived to be Muslim are subjected to false and dangerous stereotypes and myths including unfair assertions of violence, terror, and oppression

Whereas in July 2018, in Maplewood, Minnesota two men sprayed painted inappropriate drawings on the Islamic Institute of Minnesota Al-Salam Mosque, in 2015, three people were gunned down inside their home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the killer was motivated by bias against their Muslim faith, April 29, a mosque was ransacked and several Qurans were destroyed in Queens, New York, when a man broke into a mosque in a hate-fueled rage. 2019, Council on American-Islamic Relations tracked over 500 incidences of anti-Muslim bias for the year 2019.

Whereas the violation of an individual's civil rights based on his or her actual or perceived membership in a particular religious group clearly violates the Constitution and laws of the United States; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis' core values and beliefs affirm that all people should be treated with dignity, and that religious view should not be condemned and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has a large and vibrant immigrant community and a diverse population, and many residents face insensitive comments and actions regarding their religious beliefs.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, By the City of Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission:

Any form of islamophobia, and or any hate and persecution is denounced. The Civil Rights Commission urges the citizens of Minneapolis to increase tolerance and contact the City of Minneapolis Civil Rights Department if you or someone you know is a victim to these heinous actions.

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WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is committed to preventing and prohibiting discrimination in public institutions, accommodations, and services; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution affirms and guarantees religious freedom and recognizes religious freedom as a fundamental right; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom is not a privilege for the few, but a right for all; and

WHEREAS, Muslims and people perceived to be Muslim are subjected to false and dangerous stereotypes and myths, including that they are perpetrators of: violence, terror, and oppression; specifically, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has tracked over 500 incidents involving anti-Muslim bias for the first half of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the core values and beliefs of the City of Minneapolis affirm that all people should be treated with dignity and respect, and religious views should not be condemned; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis has a large and vibrant immigrant community and a diverse population, and many residents face discrimination for their religious beliefs,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights hereby denounces all forms of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim discrimination or harassment. The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights urges the citizens of Minneapolis to embrace tolerance and contact the City of Minneapolis Civil Rights Department if you or someone you know is, on the basis of being Muslim, a victim of discriminatory action.

Signed on behalf of the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights by:

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Anika Robbins, Chair
Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights

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