

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0144R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Cohen, Pinkett, Costello,  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1                   Condemning the New Zealand Terrorist Attack and White Nationalist Hate**

2           FOR the purpose of condemning the terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New  
3           Zealand and standing in solidarity with Muslims in New Zealand, in Baltimore, and around  
4           the world to condemn white nationalist hate and fear.

**5                   Recitals**

6           The Baltimore City Council stands in solidarity with the Muslim community in Baltimore  
7           and all around the world in the aftermath of this horrific white supremacist terrorist attack on two  
8           mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand that killed and injured so many people, including  
9           children. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends who lost loved ones in  
10          this appalling tragedy.

11          Our message to the Muslim community is clear and unequivocal. You are in our hearts and  
12          you are on our minds. We join you in your mourning and stand with you during this sorrowful  
13          time.

14          This attack was fueled by the same white nationalist hate and rhetoric that has led to violence  
15          against other communities of color in their houses and communities of worship – Sikhs  
16          practicing in their gurdwara of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, African-Americans celebrating in Mother  
17          Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina, and Jews observing prayer at the Tree of Life  
18          Synagogue in Pittsburgh. It is not mere coincidence that this most recent attack occurred on  
19          Friday afternoon when the mosque was filled with people gathering for Friday prayers and  
20          observances.

21          This type of shameful violence is a consequence of dangerous rhetoric and policies  
22          perpetuated by reactionary ideologues. Whether it's separating families through the Muslim Ban,  
23          taking children away from their families at America's border, or dehumanizing refugees in  
24          Europe, individuals who amplify these messages and implement these policies are only enabling  
25          hate and enabling future attacks in hate's name.

26          In the aftermath of this terrible and cowardly attack, the Baltimore City Council resolves  
27          itself once again to condemn hate speech and violence in every form. Further, the Council calls  
28          on citizens across Baltimore to stand with us in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors, co-  
29          workers, and others to demonstrate that hate has no home in Baltimore City.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

**Council Bill 19-0144R**

1       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
2 Council condemns the terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and stands  
3 in solidarity with Muslims in New Zealand, in Baltimore, and around the world to condemn  
4 white nationalist hate and fear.

5       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the  
6 Mayor's Legislative Liaison.