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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: President Young

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Condemning the New Zealand Terrorist Attack and White Nationalist Hate

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

Recitals

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

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

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

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

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council condemns the terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and stands in solidarity with Muslims in New Zealand, in Baltimore, and around the world to condemn white nationalist hate and fear.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison.