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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

As the first anniversary of the Quebec City mosque shooting on January 29, 2017 approaches, I am writing to inform the Government of Ontario that the City of Ottawa will be issuing a proclamation on Monday, January 29, 2018 speaking out against all forms of hate and bigotry in our community. Cities across Canada are raising their voices on behalf of vulnerable minority communities and standing united in the face of the bigotry, hate and Islamophobia, which ultimately threaten the safety and rights of all Canadians.

A copy of the proclamation is attached for your information.

I also writing to support the request from the National Council of Canadian Muslims that the Government of Ontario consider designating January 29 as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia to highlight the power that communities can achieve by working together to counter hatred and divisiveness and to work toward building an inclusive society.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
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CC: Members of Ottawa City Council
City for All Women Initiative (CAWI)
National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)
Somali Women's Circle Network (SWCN)