

CONDEMNING ISLAMOPHOBIA IN THE DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

The Dane County Board of Supervisors is aware that the international crisis in Gaza and Israel is creating fear and distress, leading to an increase in Islamophobic incidents throughout the United States and in Dane County, and posing a significant threat to the wellbeing and safety of our diverse communities.

According to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), requests for help and reports of bias have increased 216% over the previous year, including in the areas of First Amendment issues, employment, hate crimes, education, and bullying.

The Dane County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to fostering a community that embraces diversity and upholds the principles of equity and human rights; and recognizes the importance of creating a community where every resident can live free from fear and discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors firmly condemns all acts of Islamophobia and encourages all Dane County residents to recognize the diversity of religions and cultures in our community as a source of richness and strength.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board thanks the Dane County Sheriff's Office for directing its resources to combat Islamophobia to protect and support Muslim residents in Dane County.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board asks Congressman Mark Pocan, Senator Tammy Baldwin, and Senator Ron Johnson to urge the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to investigate all known Islamophobic actions in our community, and that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the above-listed congressional representative and senators.