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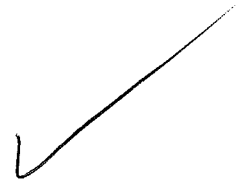
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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor of Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence enclosing a copy of Hamilton City Council's resolution regarding the possible declaration of a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia. I appreciate your taking the time to write on this matter.

The Quebec City mosque massacre of January 29, 2017, was a tragic and terrible reminder of our need to remain vigilant about the dangers of Islamophobia and all forms of hatred and bigotry. On the anniversary of this unprecedented tragedy, which claimed the lives of six men and wounded 19 individuals, the Government of Canada calls on all Canadians to remember the victims and their families.

Every year, on January 29, we will remember the victims of this senseless tragedy while reflecting on how we can collectively ensure that Canada remains a country of peace and inclusion, where hate is not tolerated. We must continue to condemn all forms of racism and discrimination to ensure that such an event can never happen again.

The Government recognizes the challenges faced by Canada's Muslim community, and all other communities impacted by racism and discrimination, and remains committed in working together to overcome these challenges.

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While we are occasionally confronted with the forces of hate and division, Canada's commitment to diversity and inclusion is unwavering and the federal government will continue to defend that which makes Canada strong.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Joly', with a period at the end. The signature is fluid and cursive.

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.