

## PROCLAMATION

### SUPPORTING OUR MUSLIM SISTERS AND BROTHERS

**WHEREAS**, Johnson County has been home to thousands of Muslims over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, our Muslim sisters and brothers have contributed much to making Johnson County a great place to live, learn, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to Johnson County being a place that believes in the dignity of each human being and the inherent value of diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, we are distressed that our Muslim sisters and brothers are being unfairly forced to bear the fears of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, we are deeply concerned by words and actions that assault the safety and well-being of Muslims; and

**WHEREAS**, we reject what is divisive, discriminatory, xenophobic, racist, or violent.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim our support for our Muslim sisters and brothers, and we seek to stand shoulder to shoulder with them as agents of peace, justice, understanding, and welcome. In addition, we hereby urge our fellow members of the Johnson County community to engage in continued dialogue and engagement toward these ends.

Signed this 22nd day of December, 2015, in Johnson County, Iowa

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Pat Harney, Chairperson

