

December 10, 2015

Our dear Muslim brothers and sisters in Colorado,

We wish for your safety and for the well-being of your families.

In the light of recent violent events in the US and elsewhere, messages of hate against Muslims are spreading. Misguided people will continue to seek opportunities to destroy peace and inflict pain and suffering. We abhor the criticism and disrespectful rhetoric that is being misguidedly directed towards Islam and Muslims.

Our own voices echo the prayer of the Denver Islamic Society and Imam ShemsAdeen Ben-Masaud, member of the Colorado Imam Council, written on November 14, 2015, that, "We pray for an end to all destructive forces that try to separate us from each other and from our humanity".

We stand by you and your families and believe that, by the will of God, together we can help turn this atmosphere of fear to an atmosphere of love."

In faith and hope:

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