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Mississauga – \ , 2017 – In response to the acts carried out in Edmonton against Edmonton Police Services (EPS) Cst. Mike Chernyk and four civilians, the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) issued the following statement:

We commend the swift actions of the EPS. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families.

Today's attack is born of an extremist ideology of hate and violence that we all reject and does not represent the true understanding of Islam.

Canadians cherish the blessings of safety, diversity, and community that we enjoy every day. In the face of the violence we have witnessed today we must continue to stand in solidarity with one another and not give ground to hate or fear. We call on all Canadians to join the vigil tonight organized by the Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council.

For additional information about the vigil please visit the Facebook page. [insert link]

Backgrounder:

MAC is the largest Muslim organization in Canada. In Edmonton, MAC operates Rahma Mosque, a full time K-9 School and 2 preschools.

For further information on MAC, please visit:

<http://ww.macnet.ca/English/Pages/Press%20Releases.aspx>

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