## UNITED FOR ALL

# Together we can overcome hate and violence

### Statement on the Islamophobic attack on London, Ontario family June 3, 2021

On behalf of the United For All Coalition, we are sharing this statement about the horrific attack on the Muslim family in London, Ontario.

The United For All Coalition is horrified and deeply saddened by the deadly attack on a Canadian Muslim family in London, Ontario, earlier this week. We condemn this act of Islamophobic violence, and our thoughts are with the young boy who survived while his family did not.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident of hate. There has been a series of attacks such as the Quebec Mosque massacre, the stabbing of a 58-year-old mosque caretaker in Mississauga, the many attacks on Hijabi women, and mosques targeted by vandals.

Islamophobia intersects with other systems of racism. Black Muslims, Indigenous Muslims, and Black Indigenous Muslims experience the compounding effects of anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and Islamophobia.

This latest attack against Canadian Muslim communities is an assault on our collective aspirations to build diverse, equitable, and inclusive communities. Yet another act of violence shows that we still have significant work to root out hate before it causes harm. This week we have reached out to our Canadian Muslim neighbours, colleagues, and friends to offer our condolences and solidarity. We will continue to look for ways to confront hatred in our own communities and ensure that every one feels welcome and safe.

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About United for All: United for All is a coalition of 44 organizations representing 150+ partners who are all committed to overcoming hate-based violence, racism, and extremism in East Ontario. Since 201 6, this growing partnership has brought together social service agencies, faith-based organizations, policymakers, human rights groups, health providers, school boards and post-secondary institutions, grassroots social justice groups, criminal justice professionals, cultural groups and more – all with the common mission to build safe, compassionate, resilient communities for everyone.

United for All and our partners acknowledge the privilege to be operating on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg. We recognize the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have been thriving on this land since time immemorial.

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