



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31642

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Final Action: 12/17/2015

**Title:** A RESOLUTION declaring support for Muslim communities, affirming the religious pluralism of the United States, and urging Seattle residents to stand together for peace and understanding.

**Notes:**

**Filed with City Clerk:** Date 12/17/2015

**Mayor's Signature:** 12/17/2015

**Sponsors:** Burgess

**Vetoed by Mayor:**

**Veto Overridden:**

**Veto Sustained:**

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File**

**Legal Notice Published:**  Yes  No

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	referred	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31642.					
		In Favor: 8 Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember González , Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant					
		Opposed: 0					
1	City Clerk	12/16/2015	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Mayor	12/17/2015	Signed				

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was Signed.  
**Notes:**

1 Mayor 12/17/2015 returned City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk  
**Notes:**

1 City Clerk 12/17/2015 attested by City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.  
**Notes:**

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION 31642**

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5 A RESOLUTION declaring support for Muslim communities, affirming the religious pluralism  
6 of the United States, and urging Seattle residents to stand together for peace and  
7 understanding.

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10 WHEREAS, Muslims are part of our society and, inspired by their faith, give back every day as  
11 U.S. military personnel, police officers, doctors, nurses, caregivers, teachers, and in many  
12 other roles contributing to the success of the United States of America and The City of  
13 Seattle; and

14 WHEREAS, our nation's founding documents emphasize the freedom of religion and a society  
15 that embraces religious pluralism; and

16 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle values the many different cultures, religions, and traditions our  
17 residents embrace; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle continues to work toward a more inclusive society and  
19 welcomes cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity; and

20 WHEREAS, Muslims, both native born and immigrant, represent an increasingly important  
21 thread in the tapestry of American society; and

22 WHEREAS, the Muslim population in Washington State is estimated to be approximately  
23 100,000 people, many thousands of whom live in Seattle, and who share the same  
24 American values and freedoms that we all cherish; and

25 WHEREAS, a significant percentage of Seattle's immigrants and refugees are Muslim and have  
26 come to Seattle seeking a safe place to work, study, or raise a family; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout history the United States has welcomed wave after wave of immigrants  
2 and refugees, who add enormous value to the economic and cultural life of our nation;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, presently, anti-Muslim rhetoric has increased in the national discourse and rates of  
5 hate violence targeting Muslim families and children are at record highs across our  
6 nation, which is detrimental to all people who cherish freedom and liberty; and

7 WHEREAS, some of the darkest moments in our nation's and our city's history have emerged  
8 from similar climates of fear; and

9 WHEREAS, this fear-based rhetoric distorts the reality of terrorism in the United States, where  
10 more individuals have been killed since September 11, 2001, by those who espouse other  
11 extremist ideologies like white supremacy or antigovernment fanatics than by those who  
12 espouse a perverted form of Islam; and

13 WHEREAS, hateful rhetoric only enables extremist ideologies to flourish in the dark corners of  
14 global society; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle finds this anti-Muslim rhetoric and hate violence to be against  
16 American principles of religious freedom and fairness and contrary to the vision we hold  
17 as a nation that welcomes all people; and

18 WHEREAS, all of Seattle's residents deserve to live in a safe environment free of hate and  
19 discrimination; and

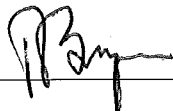
20 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle wishes to extend the traditional Islamic greeting of "Peace be  
21 upon you" to all of its Muslim residents and visitors; NOW, THEREFORE,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
23 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

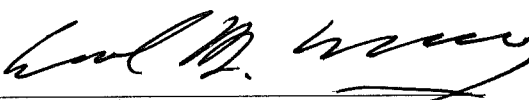
1           Section 1. The City of Seattle does not tolerate anti-Muslim hate speech and violent acts  
2 committed against those who are Muslim or perceived as being Muslim, their places of worship,  
3 businesses, schools, and community centers. These are in direct contradiction to values of The  
4 City of Seattle and our open American way of life. We encourage our residents to recognize and  
5 celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity that is represented in our City. We  
6 encourage residents to take extra efforts to ensure the safety of their Muslim neighbors. We  
7 encourage all City departments to direct appropriate attention and resources to supporting those  
8 targeted by hate speech and hate crimes.

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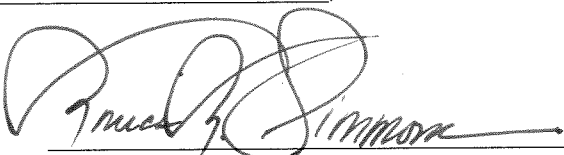
1 Adopted by the City Council the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, and  
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
3 of December, 2015.

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6 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

7 The Mayor concurred the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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10 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

11 Filed by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk  
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