

## **Every Day Is Love Our Neighbor Day**

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The April 3rd “Punish a Muslim Day” and the anti-Sharia law / anti-Muslim event being planned for Dearborn on April 21st are reminders that good people, be they driven by faith, philosophy or the laws of the universe, need to take seriously the golden rule and do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

We call upon our neighbors in Michigan to remember this rule with special efforts being made to reach out to those most at risk of being harmed because of their race, religion or any beliefs or physical attributes.

We make this plea at a time when the number of assaults against Muslims in the U.S. continues to grow well beyond the record numbers after the attacks of September 2001. A great concern is the acceptance of the acts of anti-Muslim intimidation and the non-reporting of daily acts of hate and discrimination.

We know that those who would bully or harm our neighbors are essentially cowards and rely upon bystanders to perpetrate their evil acts.

We recall the words of Irish statesman Sr. Edmund Burke who reminded us that “the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.”

We call upon people of good will to go out of your way to stand with and protect Muslims and all other people of color and of non-Christian religions, who are also suffering record levels of hate, right here in Michigan.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our organizations if you need any help connecting with our neighbors at risk of harm.

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