



PROCLAMATION

International Day to Combat Islamophobia 2026

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly designated March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, recognizing the need for governments and communities at every level to confront discrimination, hostility, and violence directed toward Muslims and those perceived to be Muslim; and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia is a form of prejudice and hatred that can lead to harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and violence and is often rooted in misinformation, fear, and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia impacts not only Muslim individuals and families, but also non-Muslims who are targeted based on perceived religion, nationality, race, or ethnicity, threatening the safety and dignity of entire communities; and

WHEREAS, Joliet Township is home to residents of many faiths, cultures, languages, and backgrounds, and our community is strengthened by this diversity and by a shared commitment to mutual respect and understanding; and

WHEREAS, acts of hate, bias, and discrimination undermine social cohesion, erode trust in public institutions, and stand in direct opposition to the values of equity, inclusion, and human dignity upheld by Joliet Township Government; and

WHEREAS, protecting freedom of religion or belief and standing against all forms of religious discrimination are essential to fostering peace, civic participation, and a community where all residents feel safe, valued, and respected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Joliet Township Government hereby recognizes March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, and reaffirms its commitment to opposing anti-Muslim hatred, condemning all forms of religious discrimination, and promoting understanding, inclusion, and respect for all residents.

ADOPTED this 10th day of March of 2026.

Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk