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Statement From Mayor Helps on Eve of 5th Anniversary of Quebec City Mosque Shooting and National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

VICTORIA, BC — Statement from Mayor Helps on the 5th Anniversary of the Quebec City Mosque Shooting and the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia:

“A few days after the horrific shooting in the Quebec City Mosque in 2017, Imam Ismail and the City held a vigil on the steps of City Hall. Thousands of Victorians attended to stand in solidarity with Victoria’s Muslim community against hate and Islamophobia.

“On the 5th anniversary of this terror attack, the City of Victoria is joining other cities across Canada to light up City Hall in green as a sign of our commitment to Muslims in Victoria that we have not forgotten this terrible act and to signify that we recognize the ongoing discrimination that our Muslim community members experience.

“We recognize that every day in Victoria, Muslims in our city face acts of hatred, racism and aggression. We stand together once again on this National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia. On this day, and every day, I call on all Victorians to stand up against racism and Islamophobia and to be part of creating a community where diversity is welcome and where the opportunities for connection and belonging include everyone.”

The Arabic translation is available at victoria.ca.

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