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Mayor and Religious Leaders to hold Prayer Vigil at City Hall 6 PM Tuesday In Memory of the Lives Lost in Orlando

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini announced that there will be a prayer vigil tomorrow night, Tuesday night, at 6 PM in front of city hall, in response to the terrorist attack in Orlando. Members of Haverhill's Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities have all been invited.

Earlier today the Mayor reached out to members of Haverhill's Muslim community and to members of Haverhill's gay and lesbian community to invite them to the event and to express his support. "We are all Americans, and we are all united against this act of terrorism" said the Mayor.

The Mayor met this afternoon with the head of the Islamic community, Iman Abdessamad Qesmi, the Imam (Holy Man) of the Islamic Society of Greater Haverhill who will be attending the event. The Mayor indicated that he would also be attending the Mosque in Haverhill Friday night to join with Muslim leaders in condemning the act of terrorism.

The Vigil will be held:

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6PM at Haverhill City Hall, 4 Summer Street, outside in front of the flag pole.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

"Our community stands with the residents of Orlando and we stand united with our brothers and sisters of all denominations opposed to hatred and acts of terrorism and violence.

Imam Qesmi stated:

"The Islamic community of Greater Haverhill stands with all other religious and civic leaders in condemning this horrible act of violence and terrorism. The individual who committed this horrible act does not speak for us or for our religion. We are all Americans, and as Americans, we stand united with all other Americans in condemning this act. We thank the Mayor for reaching out to us and we look forward to joining with him and other leaders tomorrow evening."



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(Above is photo of Mayor James Fiorentini and the Imam)