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*A joint statement from Brock University's Office of Human Rights and Equity,
and the President's Advisory Committee on Human Rights, Equity and Decolonization*

"We join the global community in condemning the murders in two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand today. We recognize such actions stem from deep-rooted Islamophobia and mistruths about immigration fueled by white supremacist rhetoric – like that found in the shooter's manifesto.

"At the bottom of this statement, find resources for any members of our community who are feeling vulnerable in the aftermath of this attack. We will be holding a campus vigil at noon on Tuesday, March 19, and on Tuesday, March 26 will hold an open conversation about Canada's place in the growing Islamophobic rhetoric around the world. Locations and other details will follow.

"Brock University has committed through our institutional strategic plan to becoming a University committed to equity, access, inclusion and decolonization. We urge everyone to think about the message sent by the Two Row Wampum Belt flag we fly at our entrance. The three white rows represent peace, friendship and respect with the two purple rows symbolizing the Haudenosaunee and settlers moving in their own vessels, neither trying to steer the other's vessel. How do we live that message on a daily basis?"

For support:

Personal Counselling: Any Brock students wanting to speak to a support counsellor should call 1-833-276-2533 . This line is answered 24 hours a day.

Safety and Security: Anyone at Brock University who is ever concerned for their safety should contact Brock Campus Security at 905-688-5550 x3200 or security@brocku.ca