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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**Hamilton Muslim Organizations respond to video insulting Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)**

(Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. September 16, 2012) – The Muslim Council of Greater Hamilton (MCGH), a coalition of Hamilton area mosques and community organizations, call on all Muslims in the Hamilton and surrounding community to ignore the movie which insults the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Islam.

This amateurish movie was made by a small group of extremists and does not and will not decrease the honourable status of our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) or Islam, and the riots do not and will not increase nor add to his honourable status.

Further, while MCGH condemns any written, televised or otherwise published attack on Islam or the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), we also condemn violent protests, and any acts of violence against innocent people. We encourage Muslims locally and around the globe to seek more peaceful means of protest rather than resorting to violence.

MCGH also condemns the killing of American civilians including the US Ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens and his staff members. Indeed, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) never retaliated nor took revenge for wrongs committed against himself.

MCGH encourages all Muslims to promote knowledge when faced with ignorance, and would recommend building bridges with our fellow Canadians who celebrate Canada's cultural and religious diversity through mutual respect and peaceful dialogue. We would encourage all Muslims and non Muslims to review the following recommended reading sources and You Tube videos which present more reliable information about the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Islam:

In the Footsteps of the Prophet: Lessons from the Life of Muhammad, Tariq Ramadan

Muhammad: His Life Based on Earliest Sources. Martin Lings

The Message - 1976 - Full Movie - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiHQ3XuGSyg>

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