



*In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful*

## **Press Statement**

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**For Immediate Release:** Muslim Community of Nassau County (MCNC) Denounces the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold the Travel Ban.

We, MCNC, are disheartened by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Trump v. Hawaii*, the Supreme Court has added to a long history of tragic decisions that will fail the test of time. A 5 vs. 4 narrow majority of justices has rubber-stamped the President's Muslim Ban, an anti-Muslim bigotry from its inception. This policy, which indefinitely separates U.S. citizens from their Muslim families, was and always will be a Muslim Ban.

The impacts of the ban on Muslim communities in the United States are real: There are many who have been banned from attending family weddings graduations, spouses uniting together and much more. While the President's proclamation provides for waivers in extreme circumstances, even former consular officers have said that the process for obtaining a waiver is narrowing - very few have been granted to date.

For the past month, we've all been shocked by the sights and sounds of families ripped apart at the border. The Supreme Court's ratification of indefinite family separation has similarly sent shock waves through Muslim communities around the country. MCNC stands ready to support individuals and communities affected by the ban and most importantly the organizations that are working on it.

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