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## **Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center Condemns Orlando Terrorism Act and Stands with All Faiths Against Hate**

**Statement by Larry Couch,  
Director of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center**

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd and their National Advocacy Center are horrified and deeply saddened by the terrorist attack on Pulse in Orlando, Florida over the weekend.

As people of faith who work for justice and peace, we completely condemn the attack. We hold dear and envelope the victims, their families and friends with our prayers. We pray for the community of Orlando and for all the world during this time of extreme strife and violence.

This terrorist does not in any way represent the Islamic religion, and we pray that this attack will not harden our hearts to immigrants, refugees and others who often are fleeing for their lives from their home countries and need our help.

Keeping Muslims out of this country based on their religion sends the wrong message to the rest of the world about who we are as Americans. We are a welcoming country with a religiously diverse society and our resettlement programs and immigration system should continue to reflect this. To not do so only feeds into ISIS' propaganda and makes us all less safe.

*The National Advocacy Center offers education through processes and strategies that address social justice issues and advocates for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people. The center reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, working in solidarity with the disenfranchised - particularly families, women, and children.*