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H.M. King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Your Majesty King Abdullah:

On behalf of the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, it is my great pleasure to support World Interfaith Harmony Week. We acknowledge the vision of His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan and the UN General Assembly in enacting this resolution and creating a world-wide opportunity for collective action in pursuit of making the Golden Rule a lived reality.

The need for interfaith respect and cooperation is urgent, and Tanenbaum is dedicated to providing practical tools to help combat religious hatred wherever it occurs. That's why we create resources for educators, managers, health care providers, and peacemaking practitioners designed to contribute to the spirit and the practice of interfaith harmony worldwide.

Tanenbaum also created a set of *Clergy Speaking Points* to help guide religious leaders and others as they talk to their congregations in mosques, churches, temples, and other places of worship. It is our hope that the conversations which emerge will encourage people of all faiths, or of no particular faith, to make harmony across the lines of belief an important part of their own lives.

Our organization's namesake, the late Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, was a pioneer of interreligious dialogue and would no doubt enthusiastically endorse World Interfaith Harmony Week. We are pleased to carry on his legacy and to join in this movement in cooperation with all who seek a world of mutual respect.

In Peace and Friendship,

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