

MEMORANDUM

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Dear members of the university community,

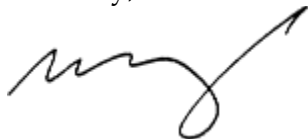
Today, there was yet another act of senseless violence that claimed far too many lives – this time at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. So far, we know that 49 people are dead and 20 wounded. To echo the words of New Zealand’s Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, this truly marks one of the country’s “darkest days.” Our hearts go out to the victims and their families.

As you may know, this tragedy comes on the heels of another – the school shooting in São Paulo, Brazil this week that left eight dead. These acts sadden us deeply and remind us that hate, when it rears its ugly head, must be rejected by people of good will.

As an FIU community we condemn acts of violence, terror and hate. At times like this, we must find the strength within ourselves and in solidarity with our community to rededicate ourselves to the norms that enhance and fortify our civility on campus, in our neighborhoods and in the community.

Again, please join me in keeping the victims and their families in our thoughts.

Sincerely,



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President