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URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO DESIGNATE
THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AS A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

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1 To the President and Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the Muslim Brotherhood, founded in Egypt in 1928, has a
4 long-documented history of promoting Islamist extremism and has inspired
5 or spawned multiple terrorist organizations, including Hamas, al-Qaeda and
6 others, that are recognized by the United States as foreign terrorist
7 organizations; and

8 Whereas, Hamas is a Muslim Brotherhood branch according to its
9 charter, which describes Hamas as "one of the wings of the Muslim
10 Brotherhood in Palestine"; and

11 Whereas, the Counter Terrorism Guide published by the National
12 Counterterrorism Center states that Hamas' roots are in the Palestinian
13 branch of the Muslim Brotherhood; and

14 Whereas, Hamas has been designated as a foreign terrorist
15 organization by the Secretary of State of the United States pursuant to
16 section 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and as a specially
17 designated global terrorist entity pursuant to Executive Order 13224; and

18 Whereas, the Muslim Brotherhood's goals, according to their founding
19 charter, is to establish a global Islamic caliphate that is governed by
20 Sharia Law and to infiltrate and overthrow secular democratic governments
21 through ideological subversion and armed jihad where necessary; and

22 Whereas, the Muslim Brotherhood functions as a global organization
23 and provides material support to Muslim Brotherhood branches in other
24 countries and territories by providing political support, financial
25 resources, training, expert advice, communications assistance and other
26 services; and

27 Whereas, Muslim Brotherhood branches have sought to destabilize and
28 undermine the United States and its allies throughout the Middle East,
29 including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and
30 Bahrain; and

31 Whereas, those countries have officially outlawed the Muslim
32 Brotherhood and have designated it as a terrorist organization due to its
33 active participation in inciting violence and undermining national
34 security; and

35 Whereas, in 2008 during the Holy Land Foundation Trial, the largest
36 terrorism financing case in United States history, the United States
37 Department of Justice introduced into evidence internal Muslim Brotherhood
38 documents detailing their mission in America as "a civilization-jihadist
39 process" aiming to "destroy the Western civilization from within"; and

40 Whereas, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which is widely
41 considered a front group for the Muslim Brotherhood by counterterrorism
42 experts, was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land
43 Foundation trial for its ties to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood
44 infrastructure in the United States; and

1 Whereas, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue
2 Service have investigated Muslim Brotherhood affiliates for money
3 laundering, unregistered foreign lobbying, tax fraud and other offenses
4 related to terrorism support networks; and

5 Whereas, Congress has repeatedly introduced bills such as the Muslim
6 Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act, recognizing that the Muslim
7 Brotherhood meets the criteria under section 219(a) of the Immigration and
8 Nationality Act for designation as a foreign terrorist organization; and

9 Whereas, Muslim Brotherhood affiliates and ideologies have
10 radicalized individuals worldwide through campus outreach, religious
11 networks and online platforms, contributing to attacks in Egypt, Libya,
12 France, Tunisia and within the United States; and

13 Whereas, the State of Arizona has a solemn responsibility to protect
14 its residents and American constitutional values from extremist
15 ideologies, foreign influence and subversive threats cloaked in religious
16 or political disguise.

17 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
18 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

19 1. That the President and Congress of the United States immediately
20 designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization.

21 2. That the Attorney General of the State of Arizona and all
22 relevant law enforcement agencies direct their efforts to identify,
23 monitor and report any Muslim Brotherhood-linked organizations operating
24 within Arizona, including financial, educational and advocacy groups.

25 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
26 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Speaker
27 of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United
28 States Senate, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona, the
29 Governor of the State of Arizona and the Attorney General of the State of
30 Arizona.