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MEDIA STATEMENT

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) declares Friday 27th November 2015 as ‘National *Khutbah* (Sermon) Day’ in conjunction with ‘International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women’ which falls on Wednesday 25th November 2015. ANIC calls upon Imams around the country to deliver this coming Friday’s *khutbah* (sermon) denouncing all forms of domestic violence.

Kind and compassionate treatment of women is so significant in Islam that in his farewell pilgrimage sermon the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “*Treat women well for they are your helpers and partners.*”

The Grand Mufti of Australia, His Eminence Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed said: “Domestic violence is a growing problem in Australia and it is the community’s obligation to stand against all forms of violence in the home targeting women, children and aging parents.”

The Grand Mufti said: “Each and every Australian Imam shares in the obligation to educate the community about the evils and harms of domestic violence. Hence I call upon Imams to rally in full support of the campaign to denounce domestic violence in their Mosques on Friday the 27th November 2015.”

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