



For immediate release

June 9, 2017

Contact: Cynthia Scott, Communications Director  
[cscott@advrights.org](mailto:cscott@advrights.org) or 612-746-4669

### The Advocates for Human Rights Calls for Unity, Condemns Hate

MINNEAPOLIS--The Advocates for Human Rights unequivocally condemns the heinous attempts by the Washington, D.C.-based group ACT for America, and other hate groups, to foment fear and division among Minnesotans by propagating blatantly false information about Muslims and the Islamic faith. "While ACT for America claims to have America's national security interests at heart, its track record suggests its only real interest is to provoke fear and suspicion in Minnesota communities where people of all faiths live and work together every day," said Robin Phillips, executive director of The Advocates. "We have seen this brand of fear mongering before in our country's history, in anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish campaigns. Then, as now, all people of good will and common sense stand together against hate and the targeting of any particular group. Today we stand with our Muslim neighbors," Phillips said.

An independent, nonpartisan non-profit organization founded in Minneapolis in 1983, The Advocates for Human Rights' innovative programming has changed the lives of refugees and immigrants, women, ethnic and religious minorities, children, and other marginalized communities for more than three decades. We investigate and expose human rights violations, represent immigrants and refugees seeking asylum, train and assist groups that protect human rights, engage the public, policy-makers, and children; and push for legal reform and advocates for sound policy.

###