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## **Statement by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano on the visit of Florida Pastor Terry Jones**

Because of the numerous inquiries the county executive has received about the visit of Mr. Terry Jones, Robert Ficano has issued the following statement.

Exercising a guaranteed constitutional right does not make it the right thing to do.

The protest in front of the Dearborn Mosque this Friday is simply an act to disparage and stereotype hard-working, patriotic Muslim Americans who attend that institution and who live in the Dearborn and Wayne County area.

Quite simply, it is a publicity stunt from, ironically, an alleged man of the cloth who should be promoting unity and understanding instead of division and violence.

The Constitution that guarantees freedom of the press does not guarantee press coverage. How quickly would Mr. Jones go back to Florida if there were no microphones and cameras to cover him?

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