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**A Message of Condolence and Sympathy from
the Tigray Ethiopian Community Association in Colorado**

The Tigray Ethiopian Community Association in Colorado is saddened by the untimely and sudden passing of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and His Holiness Abune Paulos. We mourn the heartbreaking loss of both leaders along with members of our community association and the rest of the Ethiopian people. Even though we grieve over the loss of the Prime Minister and the Patriarch, we are comforted by what they have left behind. They have demonstrated their visionary leadership and resolve to the Ethiopian people and we will follow suit to rid our country of poverty and backwardness.

We express our sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the immediate family, friends and loved ones of Prime Minister Meles and His Holiness Abune Paulos, and the rest of the Ethiopian people. Prime Minister Meles will continue to be remembered for his astounding leadership in institutionalizing a system that promotes democracy, good governance and economic development target poverty as the prime enemy of the country. He is the father of a new and prosperous Ethiopia. Besides, he will be remembered as the visionary leader who represented Africa at the international stage for over a decade. His Holiness Abune Paulos will be remembered for being a father to not only the followers of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church but also the rest of the Ethiopian people belonging to different religions and religious denominations. He will also be remembered for his support to the vulnerable, for preaching peace, tolerance and prosperity, and for making the image of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church shine at the global level. May their souls rest in peace!

The Tigray Ethiopian Community Association in Colorado
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