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ISLAMIC DAY IN OHIO

“CHALLENGES FACING AMERICAN MUSLIMS”

Thank you for joining us in celebrating Islamic Day in Ohio, an annual event established by Ohio's former Governors Richard Celeste and George Voinovich. Sponsored by the Islamic Council of Ohio, today's event is aimed at sharing this celebration with our friends and neighbors.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2007

12:00 NOON



At The Confluence Park Restaurant
679 West Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.469.0000

GETTING INVOLVED

Today's event was sponsored in part by the Islamic Council of Ohio (ICO). Established in 1985, ICO is a non-profit organization working to serve the interests of Ohio's Muslim communities.

Since its inception, activities of the ICO have included:

- Representing Ohio's Muslim community at the national, state and local levels
- Serving as a unified voice to our elected and public officials
- Serving as the authorized religious organization to state organizations and agencies
- Holding statewide events such as the celebration of Islamic Day in Ohio
- Participating in interfaith activities



PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Bashir G. Ahmed
President, ICO

Noon: Registration

12:30 Dua

12:35 Opening Remarks: Dr. Ikram Khawaja
Trustee, Islamic Council of Ohio

12:40 Lunch

1:30 Dhuhr Prayer

1:45 Welcome: Dr. Ahmed Al-Akhras
National Vice-Chairman, CAIR

1:50 Historical Perspective of ICO: Bashir G. Ahmed
President, ICO

2:10 Proclamation by: Senators Sherrod Brown & George Voinovich

Presented by: Ed Roberts
*Community Liaison for Senator Brown & Mike Akrouche
Former Cabinet Secretary under Governor Voinovich*

2:15 Brief Remarks by: Frances Strickland
First Lady of Ohio

2:20 Youth Perspective: Harris Khan
Hilliard High School, Columbus, Ohio

2:35 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sabra Webber
“Challenges Facing American Muslims”
*Department of Comparative Studies in the Humanities
and Near Eastern Languages & Cultures
Ohio State University*

2:55 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alam Payind
“Challenges Facing American Muslims”
*Director of Middle East Studies Center
Ohio State University*

3:20 Closing Remarks: Bashir G. Ahmed
President, ICO

3:30 Closing Prayer

