

CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

Presented to:

Islamic Council of Ohio 29th Anniversary

October 8, 2016

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Columbus, we are pleased to be a part of **The Islamic** Council of Ohio's 29th Annual Meeting. We commend you for your dedicated efforts in our community and bringing together people of all faiths. Your involvement exemplifies the spirit that makes Columbus unique. Best wishes for continued success in every endeavor.



Andrew J. Ginther Mayor

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Dear Friends:

Please allow me to extend my congratulations to the Islamic Council of Ohio as you gather to celebrate your 29th annual Islamic Day of Ohio celebration.

As a non-profit organization, you have demonstrated a commitment to serving the needs and interests of the state's growing Muslim community. Your sustained presence and commitment to your community should stand as a model for all.

On this very special anniversary, my wife, Connie, and I send our congratulations to the Islamic Council of Ohio. May your organization continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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29th ANNUAL ISLAMIC DAY IN OHIO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2016

WHEREAS, The Islamic Council of Ohio was formed in 1985 with the goal of serving the needs and interests of the state's growing Muslim communities, and worked to coordinate a unified group of Islamic centers, mosques, and other grassroots organizations; and,

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Islamic Council of Ohio has helped disparate groups of Muslims from around the state to communicate with each other and to educate non-Muslims about the faith and their various member communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Islamic Council of Ohio provides support for Muslim groups in Ohio, serves as a clearinghouse of information and referral service, and helps to expand the positive recognition of Islam by promoting public awareness and events, and by countering biases and acts of discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, each year in the month of October, the Islamic Council of Ohio promotes and celebrates the Islamic Day in Ohio, which was declared an official Islamic Day in 1987 by Governor Celeste, and which serves to promote and educate the public about Islam, its ideas, teachings, and practices, and affords the opportunity for many Islamic centers around the state to host interfaith events with other faith communities in their area; and,

WHEREAS, the Islamic Council of Ohio and our Muslim neighbors, whom it represents, help to make Ohio and Franklin County in the vibrant, progressive, positive place that it is today, and the annual Islamic Day event helps to bring all the faiths of our community together for good; now, therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

To recognize and congratulate, on behalf of all Franklin County residents, the Islamic Council of Ohio for the 29th Annual Islamic Day in Ohio, October 8th, 2016.

Voting Aye thereon:

John O'Grady, President

Marilyn Brown

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