

PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor The City of Dayton, Ohio

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

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Islamic Council 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, The Islamic Council of Ohio and our Muslim neighbors, whom it represents, help to make Dayton and Montgomery County into the vibrant, progressive, positive place that it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nan Whaley, Mayor of the City of Dayton, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2017 as

30th Annual Islamic Day

in Dayton.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dayton to be affixed this 14th day of October, 2017.



Nan Whaley

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Mayor



Be it known that the
Board of County Commissioners
of Montgomery County, Ohio

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WHEREAS, the *Islamic Council of Ohio* is proudly celebrating the **30th Annual Islamic Day in Ohio** on Saturday, October 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, **Islamic Day in Ohio** was first created in 1987 by Governor Richard Celeste to promote and educate others about Islam within our local communities and to provide an opportunity to have interactive, inter-faith dialogues; and

WHEREAS, the *Islamic Council of Ohio* works every day to educate the non-Muslim public about Islam with the intention of dispelling main-stream misconceptions and abating prejudice; and

WHEREAS, promoting inclusion of the Islam religion and of our Muslim families in this state and our country is crucial to the progression of our welfare; and

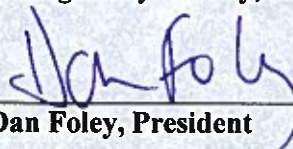
WHEREAS, the many contributions the Muslim community provides affect every citizen and should not go without recognition. The theme of this year's event is, "Muslim Contributions Make America Great".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, Ohio does hereby recognize the *Islamic Council of Ohio* and thank them for all they do for the citizens of our region and hereby proclaim *October 14, 2017* as

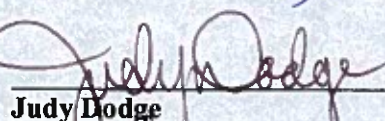
Islamic Day in Montgomery County



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October 14, 2017

Islamic Council of Ohio
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Dear Friends:

Congratulations and best wishes as you gather to celebrate the 30th annual Islamic Day of Ohio.

As you know all too well, these are challenging times. Too many Muslim Americans and immigrants face hateful attacks. The White House's travel ban is only spreading fear while doing nothing to make our country safer.

That's why celebrations like this one and the work you do in your communities are so important. That's how we fight this hate – through service, through education, and through understanding.

I'm encouraged when I look around our state. While too many national politicians play demagogue, Ohio has welcomed refugees and people of all faiths. I have hosted roundtables with immigrants and refugees across our state, and heard their stories. Last year, one mother, a Syrian refugee, told the story of her daughter coming home from school, and telling her mother she was worried her family would have to leave the country, because they are Muslims.

The woman told her daughter, "There's more love out there than hate."

I believe she's right I saw that love on display at John Glenn Airport, the weekend the president announced his ban. Hundreds stood shoulder-to-shoulder, sending the message that Ohio is a welcoming place, and that Ohioans will always stand up for the American values of kindness and compassion.

My thanks to the Islamic Council of Ohio for organizing this year's celebration, and my best wishes to all of you as you enjoy today's events.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator