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National Muslim Conference Brings Service to Harrisburg

Nation's oldest Muslim convention launches 'Jalsa Cares' community service initiative in the city of Harrisburg

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA's 73rd Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) is America's oldest and longest running Muslim conference and will be returning to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the thirteenth year this weekend. This year, the convention introduces "Jalsa Cares" – a program to give back to the city of Harrisburg with a series of service projects the day before the weekend-long convention begins.

On Thursday, July 13th, members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA are partnering with the city of Harrisburg, alongside Downtown Daily Bread and the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness, to feed the hungry, donate blood to save lives, and conduct a neighborhood clean-up in Harrisburg.

Event: Public event announcing the launch of "Jalsa Cares" and partnership with city leadership, including remarks by:

- Jason Graves - City of Harrisburg Director of Business Development/ LERTA
- David West - City of Harrisburg Director of Public Works
- Dennise Hill - Chair, Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness
- Amjad Mahmood Khan - Director Public Affairs, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA

When: Thursday, July 13 @ 12:30 pm

Location: Intersection of 6th St and Emerald St in Harrisburg, PA

About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans 213 countries with tens of millions of members. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is the oldest American-Muslim organization.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the

divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.

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