

# PROCLAMATION

## *American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month ~ August 2022*

**WHEREAS**, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Elk Grove takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse religious, political, and cultural traditions of its residents, including Americans who practice Islam; and

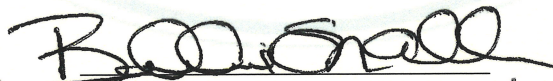
**WHEREAS**, CAIR-CA is the largest Muslim legal services and advocacy organization in the United States and has been a valued partner organization within California on issues related to the Census, emergency response, pandemic relief, responding to incidents of hate, and providing civil rights and immigration services to Muslim, immigrant, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove is home to several prominent Muslim figures who continue to make significant contributions to the City of Elk Grove and the State of California as business owners, legal professionals, doctors, engineers, teachers, farmers, civil rights leaders, humanitarians, athletes, and in many other great, notable capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, Imam Mohammad Yasir Khan made history as the first Muslim Chaplain appointed to the California State Legislature. Over the past eight years, Imam Yasir has served as a Chaplain in various jails and hospitals in Northern California, and in 2015 founded Al-Misbaah to better serve Northern California by providing guidance through essential assistance, education, and recreational activities. Al-Misbaah is serving over two thousand families a month through charitable work establishing a foodbank, emergency food and rental assistance, refugee assistance, and the distribution of household items.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby proclaims the month of August 2022 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month, and to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad invaluable contributions of American Muslims in California and across the country, extending to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves.

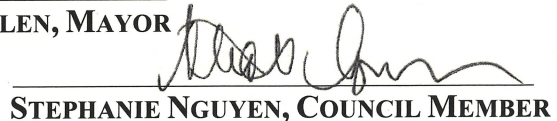
**SIGNED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.



BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR



DARREN SUEN, VICE MAYOR



STEPHANIE NGUYEN, COUNCIL MEMBER



PATRICK HUME, COUNCIL MEMBER



KEVIN SPEASE, COUNCIL MEMBER