

# PROCLAMATION

## *American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month ~ August 2023*

**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**, Muslims around the world, and in the United States specifically, constitute a racially and culturally diverse group that is bound together by a shared belief in diversity as strength and unity as power; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muslim American Society (MAS), Sacramento Chapter, is a dynamic charitable, religious, social, cultural, and educational organization with a mission to move people and nurture lifelong, God-centered agents of change and a vision to create a vibrant American Muslim community striving for a just and virtuous society; and

**WHEREAS**, MAS established the Muslim American Society – Community & Youth Center (MCYC) and opened their center doors to the Elk Grove community in June 2010 and serve the City of Elk Grove and greater Sacramento region; and

**WHEREAS**, MCYC, managed by Ahmed Ragab, provides social, educational, spiritual and recreational programs in the Muslim community with unique programs and services that seek to develop youth and in turn, the greater society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims the month of August 2023 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month and recognizes the invaluable contributions of the MAS Community & Youth Center and its manager, Ahmed Ragab, through the Center's social and spiritual empowerment programs, serving the Elk Grove community and Sacramento Region at large.

**SIGNED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2023.



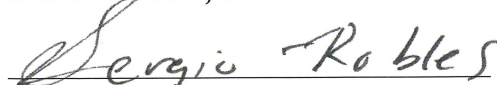
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