

# PROCLAMATION

## *American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month ~ August 2024*

**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**, Sr. Helena Madera-Silmi, a Latina Muslim, has been involved in community outreach for over 23 years. She is the Charitable Aid Director at Al-Misbaah Community Resource Center, which connects charitable donors and the underprivileged community for a better and sustainable life; and

**WHEREAS**, Sr. Helena is the current President of the Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise, the first Muslim to serve in that capacity leading the club through “The Magic of Rotary.” She is also a member of the City of Elk Grove’s Measure E Citizens’ Oversight Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Sr. Helena has been a key figure in making Elk Grove a more inclusive and welcoming City through her dedication to disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and community development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims the month of August 2024 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month and recognizes the invaluable contributions of Sr. Helena Madera-Silmi to the welfare and wellness of the Elk Grove and greater Sacramento community.

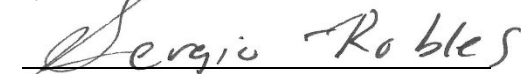
**SIGNED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



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**WHEREAS**, American Muslims are deep-rooted in American and Californian history and helped build our Nation and State; and

**WHEREAS**, Musa Abedrabbo is a Sergeant and President of the Elk Grove Police Officers Association. He is highly professional, respectful, and always looking to do what is right for the employees, the Police Department, and the City as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Abedrabbo's exemplary service has earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and the community alike, fostering positive relationships and building bridges of understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Musa Abedrabbo's dedication to service, professionalism, and commitment to upholding the law serves as an inspiration to all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims the month of August 2024 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month and recognizes Sergeant Musa Abedrabbo as a distinguished member of our law enforcement community and commend his outstanding service to protecting the Elk Grove community.

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