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Muslims Renew Call for Racial Justice

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community welcomes Black History Month as a time to renew a commitment to equality and justice for all

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, one of the nation's oldest Muslim organizations, joins millions of Americans in the commemoration of Black History Month as an important month to renew this nation's commitment towards racial equality and justice for all. This is an expectation given by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (peace be upon him), who famously said "your God is One and your ancestor is one. An Arab possesses no superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab over an Arab. A white man is in no way superior to a black, nor for that matter is a black man better than a white."

For this reason, the Khalifa (worldwide spiritual leader) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, said "The Qur'an, thus, makes clear that all people are born equal...it is a clear teaching of Islam that the people of all nationalities and all races are equal. It is also made clear that all people should be granted equal rights without any discrimination or prejudice."

"We strive to exemplify Islam's teachings by calling for renewed reflection on our nation's Pledge of Allegiance and the specific phrase "with justice for all," said Amjad Mahmood Khan, National Director of Public Affairs for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. "As we commemorate Black History Month, we derive inspiration from Prophet Muhammad, who eviscerated racial stereotypes and dispensed absolute justice without exception."

About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans 206 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.

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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