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Nationwide “Muslims for Life” Campaign Commemorates 9/11

The nationwide effort hosts blood drives in 18 states to honor the 18th anniversary of 9/11

In remembrance of the lives lost 18 years ago on 9/11, the oldest Muslim organization in America resumes its nationwide "Muslims for Life" campaign in 18 states. The aim is to collect bags of blood in order to honor the lives lost on 9/11 with a commitment to save lives. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA invites Americans of all backgrounds to join the life-saving "Muslims for Life" campaign.

With the bi-partisan support of members of U.S. Congress, led by U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA) and U.S. Congressman Peter King (R-NY), the award-winning initiative will also include its 9th annual American Red Cross blood drive on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, 9/11, at the Rayburn House Office Building. All members of Congress have been personally invited to participate in what has become the largest national American Muslim initiative to honor the anniversary of 9/11.

Founded in 2011, the “Muslims for Life” campaign seeks to memorialize the anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11 with blood drives across America. The campaign has run in over 200 locations nationwide and, to date, has collected over 60,000 pints of blood and helped save 180,000 American lives.

“The perpetrators of the horrific attacks on our country 18 years ago do not represent Islam or Muslims,” said Amjad Mahmood Khan, National Director of Public Affairs for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. *“As a Community that lays roots in America since 1920, we want our fellow Americans to know that Islam values all human life and fundamentally stands for peace. Through this campaign, we illustrate that the only blood we shed is to save lives.”*

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA has already registered approximately 30 blood drives in 18 states this season. More information can be found at www.MuslimsForLife.org. Interviews with national and local leadership can be arranged.

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 207 countries with tens of

millions of members. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.

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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