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(Syracuse, NY - June 7, 2017) The Islamic Council of Greater Syracuse, representing five Islamic centers around the city, would like to express our love and gratitude to the entire community for their continuous support. It is heartwarming to see lawn signs that read, *“To Our Muslim Neighbors: BLESSED RAMADAN”* at many homes, churches and temples.

We, as American Muslims, feel fortunate to celebrate our holy month with a nation that respects the freedoms of speech and belief, under a constitution that preserves human rights. We also feel blessed being residents of such a great city where diversity is an asset rather than a liability. During this month, Muslims are observing complete fasting from dawn to sunset; we attempt to be more spiritual through showing tolerance, expressing love, accepting others, offering help, sharing meals, and being conscious of and practicing moral values that are shared and embraced by all Americans, believers and non-believers alike. We are happy being part of this friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

Our congregations are working with our fellow Americans for the betterment of all of our lives. One example of this will be our collaborative efforts with Interfaith Works at the annual “Duck Race Against Racism” this Saturday, June 10 from 12:00 – 4:00 at the Inner Harbor.

The majority of our mosques are open daily for all visitors. We will have an open house at the Islamic Society of Central New York on June 10 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm where we welcome everyone to be with us and to get answers to any question they may have. Members from Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse Community Choir and Syracuse Peace Council and from the general community will participate in a walk to the mosque (925 Comstock Ave). A press conference will be held at 12:30 pm. at the Islamic Society.

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