Thank you for joining us in celebrating Islamic Day in Ohio, an annual event established by Ohio’s former Governors Richard Celeste and George Voinovich. Sponsored by the Islamic Council of Ohio, today’s event is aimed at sharing this celebration with our friends and neighbors.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005
12:00 NOON

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Since its inception, activities of the ICO have included:

- Representing Ohio’s Muslim community at the national, state and local levels
- Serving as a unified voice to our elected and public officials
- Serving as the authorized religious organization to state organizations and agencies
- Holding statewide events such as the celebration of Islamic Day in Ohio
- Participating in interfaith activities

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Bashir G. Ahmed
Trustee & President Elect, ICO

Noon: Registration

12:30 Dua: Imam Farooq Abo-Elzahab
Islamic Center of Greater Toledo

12:35 Opening Remarks:
Dr. Ikram Khawaja, President
Islamic Council of Ohio

12:40 Lunch

1:30 Dhuhr Prayer

1:45 Welcome:
Dr. Zuheer Hasan, President
Jihad Shaheen, Chairman Ways and Means Committee
Islamic Center of Greater Toledo

2:00 Historical Perspective of the ICO:
Bashir G. Ahmed

2:10 Proclamation by Governor Bob Taft
Presented By: Roman D. Fedkiw
Director Multi Cultural Affairs and International Relations

2:15 The Role Of Youth In ICO: Amar Abu Yasen
Toledo Islamic Academy

2:25 Keynote: “Islam My Choice” by Ray Jones
Special Assistant to Ohio Secretary of State
J. Kenneth Blackwell

2:45 Keynote: “Blessings of Ramadan” by Dr. Adel A. Bakr
Consultant on Education & Da’ Awa

3:15 Closing Remarks: Dr. Ahmed Al-Akhras
President, CAIR-Ohio

3:25 Closing Prayer: Imam Farooq Abo-Elzahab
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