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, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2007
12:00 NOON

At The Confluence Park Restaurant
679 West Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.469.0000
Today’s event was sponsored in part by the Islamic Council of Ohio (ICO). Established in 1985, ICO is a non-profit organization working to serve the interests of Ohio’s Muslim communities.

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

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**PROGRAM**

**Master of Ceremonies:** Bashir G. Ahmed  
*President, ICO*

**Noon:**  Registration

**12:30**  Dua

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

**12:40**  Lunch

**1:30**  Dhur Prayor

**1:45**  **Welcome:** Dr. Ahmed Al-Akhras  
*National Vice-Chairman, CAIR*

**1:50**  **Historical Perspective of ICO:** Bashir G. Ahmed  
*President, ICO*

**2:10**  **Proclamation by:** Senators Sherrod Brown & George Voinovich

**Presented by:** Ed Roberts  
*Community Liaison for Senator Brown & Mike Akrouche*  
*Former Cabinet Secretary under Governor Voinovich*

**2:15**  **Brief Remarks by:** Frances Strickland  
*First Lady of Ohio*

**2:20**  **Youth Perspective:** Harris Khan  
*Hilliard High School, Columbus, Ohio*

**2:35**  **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Sabra Webber  
*“Challenges Facing American Muslims”*  
*Department of Comparative Studies in the Humanities and Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, Ohio State University*

**2:55**  **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Alam Payind  
*“Challenges Facing American Muslims”*  
*Director of Middle East Studies Center, Ohio State University*

**3:20**  **Closing Remarks:** Bashir G. Ahmed  
*President, ICO*

**3:30**  Closing Prayer