## Hau, Lucy

Subject: FW: Proclamation - be kind to animals week

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**From:** Barbi Lazarus [mailto:palapi@rogers.com] **Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2008 6:43 PM

To: Hau, Lucy

Subject: RE: Proclamation - be kind to animals week

Hi Lucy,

This is the statement re: Be Kind To Animals Week from the American Humane Association's website (Who started the event)

The American Humane Association created Be Kind to Animals Week in 1915 to celebrate the unique bond between humans and animals. Every year, animal shelters throughout the country hold special events during this special week to raise awareness about Being Kind to Animals, and to teach people about the amazing role animals play in our lives. Be Kind to Animals Week is a great time to promote our nation's animal welfare organizations and to encourage everyone to get involved to make a difference for animals.

This is the link to their website:

http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ev\_public\_bkaw

Here is an example of Toronto's proclamation.

http://www.toronto.ca/proclamations/2004/proclamation\_bekindtoanimalsweek2004.htm

Thanks! @



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PROCLAMATION

"Be Kind to Animals Week"

May 2 - 8, 2004

WHEREAS: every year the Toronto Humane Society hosts "Be

> Kind to Animals Week", to promote responsible animal care, honour the outstanding contributions of people on behalf of animals and the animals themselves, and celebrate the importance of

animals in our lives; and

the Toronto Humane Society is dedicated to the WHEREAS:

care and protection of all animals and the prevention of cruelty and suffering; and

the doors never close at the Toronto Humane WHEREAS:

> Society. It provides a safe haven for lost, injured, homeless and abandoned animals in Toronto and

the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS: the Toronto Humane Society offers a wide variety

> of services including adoption, emergency rescue, micro-chipping, spay/neuter, animal cruelty

investigation, fostering and education.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Mayor David Miller, on behalf of Toronto City

Council, do hereby proclaim May 2 - 8, 2004 as "Be Kind to Animals Week" and encourage residents to care for their animals and be

responsible pet owners.

[Signed Mayor David Miller]

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## **Proclamation - Be Kind to Animals Week**

Whereas the American Humane Association created "Be Kind to Animals Week" in 1915 to celebrate the unique bond between humans and animals;

And Whereas the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies will inaugurate the first national "Be Kind to Animals Week" in Canada in 2008;

And Whereas the Town of Markham is on record as committing to providing enhanced animal care services to its residents;

And The Town of Markham established its Animal Care Committee whose mandate it is to develop a community-driven model for improving animal welfare;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that May 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, be proclaimed as "Be Kind To Animals Week" and Markham residents be encouraged to visit the Animal Care Committee's booth to be located in the Markville Mall on Saturday, May 3rd and obtain educational material.



April 7, 2008

His Worhsip Frank Scarpitti 101 Town Centre Blvd Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Your Worship Frank Scarpitti:

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Canada Celebrates 100 years of the succession of the Promised Messiah

Worldwide, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is commemorating 2008 as the centenary year of the establishment of the successorship (Khilafat) to the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (peace be upon him) (1835-1908).

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at is widely honoured as a peaceful and law-abiding community that lives in accordance with its motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None."

May 27, 2008 marks the centenary of the establishment of the Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Community. To commemorate this momentous anniversary, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is hosting numerous events throughout the world, including Canada.

For this purpose, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Canada propose that Tuesday, May 27, 2008 be declared as "Khilafat Day" "or "Ahmadiyya Day" in the Town of Markham.

We look forward to this declaration, which is important to Ahmadi Muslims who actively contribute to Canada's rich cultural and religious mosaic by promoting peace and interfaith dialogue.

I also wish to extend an invitation to attend the Centenary Banquet being held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We hope you can join us in our celebration. Invitation details to follow.

If we can be of any assistance, please contact our National Secretary for Community Relations (his information is on the next page). In addition, I have included some additional information on our community.

Yours truly,

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President

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Canada

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## Note:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at has established itself all of the corners of the earth, namely in over 180 countries of the world. Wherever established, it strives towards the betterment of society by engaging in and promoting interfaith dialogue, philanthropy, publishing religious literature, constructing mosques and community centers, and providing educational and healthcare facilities. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at is acclaimed as Islam's most dynamic Muslim community with a membership in the tens of millions.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at was established in 1889 by Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in Qadian, India. He proclaimed himself to be the awaited Promised Messiah and Mahdi (reformer) of the Latter Days whose advent was foretold by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), as well as the awaited reformer foretold by all of the other great religions of the world. His stated mission was to convey to the world the message of peace and love as presented in the Holy Qur'an (the Islamic holy scripture) and the Sunnah (practice) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him), as well as to present the teachings of Islam in their uncorrupted and pristinely pure form.

After the passing away of Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in 1908, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at was blessed with the establishment of the institution of the Khilafat. The present Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at is Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V.

For more information, you may contact:

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