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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Assalaam Alaikum! Ramadan Mubarak :

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I pray that this letter finds you and your family enjoying all the blessing of Ramadan.

Ramadan is the most important month of the year because Allah^(SWT) promises great rewards for those who fast. Its real significance is in practicing self-restraint while obeying Allah^(SWT). We abstain from normal acts of eating and drinking only because Allah^(SWT) has asked us to do so. This is a sacred time of the year, and the best occasion for the purification of our soul, mind, and wealth. Prophet Muhammed^(PBUH) stated that anyone who fast during Ramadan for the sake of Allah^(SWT), stands in prayer during nights with pure belief and with the expectation of reward, Allah^(SWT) will forgive his/her previous sins and continue to bless his/her in this life and the hereafter. Those who spend Lailatal-Qadr in prayer with faith and seeking his reward from Allah^(SWT) will have his/her past sins forgiven. This year around July 13th we will have the night of power that opens the door of Allah's mercy, forgiveness, and spiritual enhancement. This one night is greater than one thousand months, Prophet Muhammed^(PBUH) has said, as reported by Hazrath Aisha^(R) " Seek Lailatal-Qadr on odd number of nights during the last ten nights of Ramadan. Thanks to Allah (SWT) who has revealed the exact date of this night through our Imam Hazrath Mahdi Al'Maud Alaihissalam, and it is the 27th night of Ramadan.

SPENDING IN THE PATH OF ALLAH^(SWT): Those who spend their wealth secretly and openly by day and night will have their reward with their Lord, and they have nothing to fear nor to grieve (Baqra 274). Zakat is one of the five pillars of Islam: Zakat is farz (obligatory), just as Prayer is farz. At the end of a year, as zakat becomes due, the amount of zakat ceases to be the property of the owner, and becomes the property of those who deserve to receive it. Upon the payment of Zakat on time, a Muslim can hope to receive the promised rewards from Allah^(SWT). On the contrary if one fails to pay it, the zakat money will make one's entire wealth impure and a source of Allah's displeasure.

RAMADAN ACTIVITIES: MICC is celebrating Ramadan activities for the last 25 years. As usual, Insha'Allah, we will celebrate Ramadan at Masjid –e-Hashim at MICC building located at 7419 N Western, Ave. Chicago. EVERY ONE IS WELCOME to open your Roza and perform daily prayers along with Taraveeh. MICC has decided to arrange dinner after iftar. All community members

are welcome to participate in this program, to feed Rozedar and earn blessing of Allah (SWT). There will be a \$ 350.00 donation for this program. I urge everyone to participate regardless of your place of residence and earn blessing of Allah^(SWT). In addition, I also urge you to contribute generously to MICC so that we can meet our expenses and continue to provide better services to our community. You can also pay your zakat, charity, fitra and other donations to MICC. Please note that the donations to MICC are tax deductible.

TARAVEEH PRAYER: During the month of Ramadan Mufti and Hafiz Hazrat Syed Zameer Mahdi, Hafiz Syed Khundmir Sirajuddin, Hafiz Farooq Hyder Ali Khan and Hafiz & Qari Syed Sehban Khundmiri will lead the Taraveeh prayer. **Initially Isha prayer will start at 10:15 PM** and the timing will be adjusted accordingly during the month.

LAILATUL Qadr: Insha-Allah, this year Lailatul-Qadr prayer will be held at BRISTOL PALACE BANQUETS, 828 Rand Road Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056. We also have permission for Saher and Fajr prayer. Therefore, we don't have to be in rushing going home.

On a final note, I prayer Allah^(SWT) to enable us to spend this Ramadan in prayer, peace and total submission to our Creator, Ameen!

Jazak Allah Khair
Your Brother in faith,
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Rahmat Ali Khan
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