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EID-UL-ADHA: A TIME OF REFLECTION & REMEMBRANCE

(BLOOMFIELD, 9/2/2016) – This September, Muslims across the world will observe Eid-ul-Adha, or the “Festival of Sacrifice.” Muslims follow the lunar calendar and the first day of Eid may fall on either September 11 or September 12 depending on the sighting of the moon. This sacred holiday follows the annual pilgrimage to the Islamic holy city of Mecca, and commemorates the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, as an act of submission to God's Decree, before God intervened, demonstrating that it is a sin to take human life, especially in His name.

We reflect upon this message in light of the 15th year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Centers and all of the human tragedy that followed, both at home and abroad. We at the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut strongly reaffirm our commitment to building bridges in our statewide community. Through peaceful dialogue and mutual cooperation, we continue to value and respect each other as members belonging to the same great diverse nation that's rich in race, culture, and religious practice.

We stand united with our interfaith community in support of the fight against religious extremism, discrimination, and the spread of fear through hatred, in all of its manifestations.

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Muslim Coalition of Connecticut is a non-profit organization based in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Its mission is to promote a peaceful understanding of Islam and to encourage dialogue between Muslims and people of all faiths and backgrounds.