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Islamic Center of Central Missouri:

On behalf of my office, I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and best wishes to the Islamic Center of Central Missouri (ICCM) community during your celebration of Ramadan.

I would like to begin by expressing my belief that the ongoing dialogue between the Islamic community in Central Missouri and the FBI has been of great benefit, and I am extremely appreciative of the community's willingness to work together to deal with issues of mutual concern.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary efforts on the part of the leadership of the ICCM to establish and improve the Islamic community's relationship with the FBI and law enforcement in Central Missouri. Several members of the Shura and Operating Councils, and in particular Dr. Ahmed Habib have invested significant time and energy in advocacy of, and on behalf of your community.

The benefits of a healthy relationship and an ongoing dialogue are numerous. As we look toward the future, our ability to work together will help ensure that we effectively manage two critically important concerns; our nation's security and the preservation of individual liberties. Although we will undoubtedly face challenges in the future, I truly believe that our work today in developing relationships and establishing trust, will better prepare us to face those future challenges together.

I know that many of you take the opportunity to engage in a process of introspection during Ramadan. As part of that process, I would respectfully ask that you give some consideration to the idea of "what can I do", to help enhance the safety and security for our families, our community and our nation.

I look forward to continuing to work with the ICCM leadership and membership in the future. The relationship between the FBI and ICCM is something that I consider to be of

critical importance and will remain a top priority of this office.

In closing, I would like to remind each of you that everyone employed by the FBI has chosen a career in public service, and we take that responsibility very seriously. It is the expectation of our organization that every agent, task force officer or professional support employee exhibits the highest level of professionalism in their dealings with those we serve.

In that regard, if any of you have concerns regarding the FBI, I would encourage you contact myself or my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Richard T. Thornton'.

Richard T. Thornton
Supervisory Senior Resident Agent