

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF M.T.O. SHAHMAGHSOUDI DAY

WHEREAS, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® School of Islamic Sufism® is an international non-profit organization focused on attaining self-knowledge to help maintain balance, wellness, and contentment in all aspects of life through the principles of Sufism, a 1400-year old discipline that knows no cultural, religious, or racial boundaries; and

WHEREAS, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® has long been active in their respective communities, whether by initiating interfaith dialogue to bring greater tolerance and understanding among different faiths, or by assisting those in need within their cities and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® has distinguished itself through acts of service and charitable works dedicated to supporting Californians who have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, when Covid-19 hit, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® saw an immediate need in our most vulnerable populations including the homeless, low-income families and our elderly and decided to act; and

WHEREAS, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® volunteers globally have produced and donated more than 100,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to organizations throughout their communities; they have held major food drives staffed by volunteers and have distributed more than 107 tons of food; they have provided more than 22,162 hygiene kits to people in need, as well as gifted more than 18,165 toys and school supplies to children and families; and

WHEREAS, M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® has offered free online Sufi meditation (Tamarkoz) sessions in multiple languages on Facebook and Instagram in addition to free courses to help individuals cope with the stresses of the Covid-19 pandemic, including donating 1059 tablets and 35,760 disposable headsets for the Caring for Our Caregivers mental health programs for healthcare workers worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the individuals involved with M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® are bringing hope to those who are facing great hardship during these difficult times and through their commitment to helping create and sustain the best quality of life for all, have set an inspiring example for their neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Ge'Nell Gary Mayor of the City of Albany, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby declare September 30, 2021 be recognized as M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® Day and that the volunteers of M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi® be commended for their generous contributions to the community.

Date: September 20, 2021

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GE'NELL GARY, MBA - MAYOR