

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, **Chairman Nauman Khan Azeemi** of the Illinois Interfaith Organization formally requested the Hanover Park Park District Board to designate **February 21 as a day honoring Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**, a respected 21st-century spiritual scholar; and

WHEREAS, **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi** is widely recognized for his contributions to spiritual education, interfaith harmony, and the promotion of peace, unity, and understanding among diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the teachings and legacy of **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi** have inspired individuals across cultures and faiths to pursue knowledge, compassion, and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, the **Hanover Park Park District** values diversity, mutual respect, and community engagement, and acknowledges the importance of recognizing individuals whose influence promotes harmony and strengthens social unity; and

WHEREAS, this **proclamation** was introduced **by President Mark Elkins**, seconded by Commissioner Grace Khan, and duly passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0 by the **Hanover Park Park District Board**;

WHEREAS, the **Hanover Park Park District** joins the Illinois Interfaith Organization in celebrating **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi Day**; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Bessette, Executive Director of the Hanover Park Park District, do hereby proclaim **February 21, 2026, as Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi Day**, and call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

Sincerely,

Steve Bessette
Executive Director
Hanover Park Park District

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WHEREAS, on Second Sunday of August (14th August, 2022), **Hanover Park Interfaith Organization (HPIO)** celebrated **Adam & Eve Day**, and

WHEREAS, The idea of celebrating **Adam & Eve Day**, was approved by Executive Board of Directors of Hanover Park, Park District; which allowed the Hanover Park interfaith Organization to celebrate **Adam & Eve Day** on **Second Sunday of August**, every year; and

WHEREAS, The idea of celebrating **Adam & Eve Day** was inspired by Adam Day, which was initiated in 2003 in UK by Mr. Khwaja Shamsuddin Azeemi, and through their message of Unity in Diversity, they inspired diverse communities and faith individuals to come and celebrate this day together; and

WHEREAS, diversity is one of Hanover Park, Park District's greatest strengths and Hanover Park is proud to have the organizations as Hanover Park Interfaith Organization (HPIO), who initiated the celebration of **Adam & Eve Day**, annually; to encourage community members to celebrate, honor and respect each other despite of all the cultural and religious differences; and

WHEREAS, the Park District of Hanover Park joins with Hanover Park interfaith Organization in celebrating **Adam & Eve Day** for the betterment of the society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Miguel Fuentes, Park Board President, do hereby recognize **Second Sunday of Every August** as an **Adam & Eve Day** in Park District of Hanover Park, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our residents.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

Sincerely,

Miguel Fuentes
Park Board President