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TO ALL MEMBER COMMUNITIES OF ISLAMIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH AMERICAN BOSNIAKS

Subject: Call for support for Hurricane Harvey Victims,

Assalamu alaikum!

Respected Imams, Board members, members of the community, dear brothers and sisters,

We are in the blessed days of Dhu-l-hijjah and fore coming Eidu-l-Adha. These are the days in which we feel happiness and pleasure, the days in which our hearts are filled with compassion.

By the will of Allah s.w.t. for some of us, the days of Eid will be days of trials and struggle for existential needs. As you may know, the Harvey hurricane struck the state of Texas and capital city of Houston. The hurricane left many people, among them Muslims and also our Bosniaks who live in these areas without basic living needs. Homes, businesses, offices, mosques, churches and synagogues were flooded, and this tragedy also did not surpass Bosniaks Cultural Community of Houston, which is according to the latest information, partially flooded.

Dear brothers and sisters,

As Bosniaks we were always showing our solidarity with all the people and nations who are struck by calamities; we were helping people during tsunami in Japan, earthquakes in Turkey and Nepal, drought in Somalia and other places where the help was needed. This time, the help is needed in our neighborhood in Houston.

After the urgent consultation of the Board members of ICNAB, the decision was made to immediately donate \$10,000.00 from its own budget to those affected by the flooding in Houston area, and also to ask all the communities and their members to answer this appeal. The Board made a decision to ask all the ICNAB member communities to organize fundraising after Jumua prayer on Friday, September 1st 2017 for all the people affected by flooding in Houston. Collected funds will be disbursed through our local member community in Houston (BCCH) who will distribute the funds based on priorities to those in needs.

We are asking all the imams to read this statement during the Eid prayer, and to organize fundraiser after Jumua prayer on the same day. Collected funds needs to be sent to ICNAB with attention "Hurricane Harvey".

We pray to Allah s.w.t. to ease the burden to all of those who are struck with this calamity, to give them perseverance, and resilience in these trials. We also pray to Allah that all of us who are not struck with this calamity show compassion and care, will to help those in need and thankfulness for the blessing that he bestowed upon us.

Wassalam!

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