



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### EID AL-ADHA AT THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

Honourable Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, will host a belated Eid al-Adha event on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the Legislature rotunda.

Alberta's 150,000 Muslims joined the 1.6 billion faithful across the world in observing the Muslim Festival of Sacrifice in August 2018.

"Eid al-Adha bestows many important lessons that transcend the festival and that are carried throughout one's lifetime," said Speaker Wanner. "The virtues of sacrifice, compassion and generosity toward others are at the core of this annual event; these are values that are important to all Albertans."

Eid al-Adha occurs each year at the culmination of Hajj, the world's largest annual pilgrimage. Hajj requires the faithful to repeat a set of rituals first performed by the Prophet Muhammad centuries ago. During this year's event, two million Muslims descended on Mecca to fulfil the pilgrimage of a lifetime.

#### **Eid al-Adha Event at the Legislature Rotunda Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 6 p.m. Event is open to the public.**

Remarks will be delivered by:

- Honourable Irfan Sabir, MLA, Minister of Community and Social Services, on behalf of the Premier of Alberta
- Honourable Jason Kenney, MLA, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition
- Mr. Rick Fraser, MLA, Leader of the Alberta Party Caucus
- Ms. Zahra Somani, President, His Highness the Aga Khan Ismaili Council of Edmonton
- Mr. Ghazanfar Zafar, Secretary, Muslim Council of Calgary

The program will include a recitation from the Holy Quran and a charitable presentation to the Edmonton Food Bank.

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