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### A Celebration of Unity, Health, and Heritage

**BUFFALO, NY – Sunday, August 17, 2025** – Despite cloudy skies and a sudden downpour just an hour before the event, Island Park in Williamsville once again came alive with vibrant colors, energy, and a strong sense of community for the WNY Health Fair & Pakistan Independence Day - 2025 celebration.

Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of the WNYMuslims team, the rain could not dampen the spirit of the day. The program began on time, with Farina Mirza, Executive Director of WNYMuslims, officially opening the event. A

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Following the recitation, Prof. Faizan Haq, Founding President of WNYMuslims, addressed the audience, describing the event as a celebration of immigrants' contributions to the United States. He then welcomed Dr. Riffat Sadiq, CEO of WNYMedical and WNYCHC, co-sponsors of the event, highlighting the collaborative partnerships that made the day possible.

One of the pivotal moments of the program was the recognition of esteemed community leaders and our dedicated volunteers whose service and leadership continue to strengthen Western New York. Their acknowledgment underscored the commitment to fostering inclusivity and progress within the community.

Beyond speeches and recognitions, the event embraced cultural richness and diversity. Attendees explored a lively marketplace featuring indigenous cuisine, ethnic attire, traditional jewelry, henna artistry, and wellness-focused vendors. The health fair component promoted awareness and resources for healthier living, while the cultural stalls added vibrancy and connection.

The program reached its crescendo with a captivating musical performance by Pakistani singer Mujeeb Mustafa, whose soulful melodies transcended borders and united hearts, exemplifying the universal power of music.

Reflecting on the day's success, WNYMuslims expresses deep gratitude to the Village of Williamsville, Erie County, and the State of New York for their unwavering support, which made the fifth consecutive event at Island Park possible.

The WNY Health Fair & Pakistan Independence Day 2025 was more than just an event—it was a testament to the resilience, unity, and diversity of the community. It served as a reminder that when people come together with shared purpose, they create lasting bonds and meaningful change.

As the echoes of celebration fade, the legacy of this event will continue to inspire, reminding all who attended that together, communities can thrive, overcome challenges, and celebrate their shared heritage with pride.

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The Islamic month of Rabi al-Awwal holds a special place in the hearts of Muslims around the world. It is during this month that many important events in Islamic history are remembered and reflected upon, most notably the life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad.

Rabi<sup>°</sup> al-Awwal is traditionally recognized as the month in which the Prophet SAW was born in Makkah, bringing light, guidance, and mercy to humanity. At the same time, historical records also indicate that this is the month in which he SAW passed away in Madinah, leaving behind the Qur'an and his Sunnah as a timeless source of guidance. Because of this, scholars throughout history have expressed differing opinions; some emphasize the celebration of the Prophet's SAW birth, while others stress solemn remembrance of his passing.

Some traditions mark this month with gatherings to reflect on the Prophet SAW's life, while others caution against singling out specific days for celebration or mourning, as such practices resemble birthdays or death anniversaries, which are not rooted in Islamic teachings. The Prophet SAW himself and his Companions never celebrated his birthday nor observed his death anniversary. Instead, their focus was always on living by his teachings and following the guidance of the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Despite all these differences, what remains clear and undisputed is that Muslims are united in their love and reverence for the Prophet SAW. His life stands as the ultimate model of compassion, humility, justice, and devotion to Allah. The true way to honor him is not through rituals that may be questionable, but through:

- → Studying his Seerah (biography) and applying his lessons to our lives.
- → Sending Salawat (peace and blessings) upon him regularly, as Allah commands in the Qur'an.
- → Striving to embody his character—with kindness, honesty, and service to others.

As we pass through this blessed month, may it inspire us to renew our faith,

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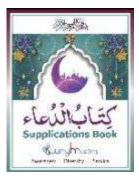
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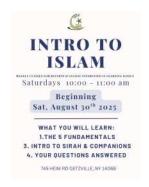


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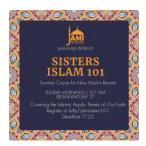
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A Jami Youth Retreat

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