RESOLUTION

Maktab Tarighat Oveyssi Shahmaghsoudi Day Septermber 30, 2022

WHEREAS, Maktab Tarighat Oveyssi (MTO) Shahmaghsoudi, School of Islamic Sufism, has distinguished itself through acts of community service and charitable works dedicated to supporting Angelenos, frontline heroes, first responders, people experiencing homelessness, and those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, MTO Shahmaghsoudi, located in Reseda which is a neighborhood located within Council District 3 and Council District 4, actively volunteers to improve the neighborhood, provides Farsi language classes, meditation programs, ways to reduce stress, and a pristine space for visitors to connect with one another; and

WHEREAS, MTO Shahmaghsoudi has long been active in the community through service projects, interfaith dialogue to bring greater tolerance and understanding, or assisting those in need around the Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, when COVID-19 hit, MTO Shahmaghsoudi saw the immediate and immeasurable need in our most vulnerable populations including low-income families, seniors, homebound individuals, and decides to swiftly act to organize relief aid and care packages; and

WHEREAS, MTO Shahmaghsoudi volunteers have hand-crafted tens of thousands of masks, assembled thousands of Covid-19 PPE kits, conducted drive-through Covid-19 testing, assembled thousands of care packages and hygiene kits, distributed free trees, organized community cleaning efforts, and opened their doors with free Tamarkoz meditation and stress reduction sessions in eleven languages including Spanish and Hebrew to help cultivate peace of mind during these troubling times:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commemorate September 30, 2022 as MTO Shahmaghsoudi Day and recognize the service of the organization's members and volunteers to the well-being of Angelenos.

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