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## Condolences on the Passing of His Highness the Aga Khan

Dear Esteemed Leaders of the Aga Khan Foundation,

Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un.

It is with profound sadness that I extend, on behalf of the City of Mississauga, our deepest condolences on the passing of His Highness the Aga Khan. During this difficult time, our hearts and thoughts are with the entire Shia Ismaili Jamaat and His Highness's family, as we honour his life.

As a Canadian, his leadership —both spiritual and humanitarian—has left an immeasurable impact that reaches beyond the 15 million Shia Ismaili Muslims he guided with unwavering devotion. Assuming the role of leader to the Ismaili Jamaat at the early age of 20, he led a life of remarkable honour, generosity, and unbreakable faith. His actions and deep commitment to others earned him the profound respect and admiration he so rightfully deserved. I have no doubt his legacy will transcend his lifetime and be remembered globally for generations to come.

Here in Mississauga, the Shia Ismaili community has become an integral part of our city. Their dedication to service, education, and unity reflects the values that His Highness championed throughout his extraordinary life. His Highness used his influence to promote the well-being of humanity, particularly the most vulnerable, embodying one of the five pillars of Islam, zakat—the obligation of charity and service to others. This has influenced our community in Mississauga for the better. As the spiritual leader of the Ismaili community, he not only provided guidance and hope but also inspired a way of life grounded in compassion and a deep sense of responsibility to one another.

The Aga Khan's work through the Aga Khan Foundation and Museum here in Canada and globally has been a source of hope and support for millions. His tireless efforts to combat poverty, promote education, expand access to healthcare, and preserve culture have reshaped countless lives and empowered communities worldwide. His vision of a world united by shared humanity will continue to inspire us all.

His loss is profoundly felt here in Mississauga, where his teachings have guided so many, and his philanthropic spirit has encouraged collaboration and service. Yesterday, in his honour, we illuminated our city's clock tower in white.

During this time of mourning, please know that the City of Mississauga stands in solidarity with the Aga Khan Foundation, its leadership, and the global Ismaili community. We grieve alongside you and honour the memory of a great man, leader and Muslim who dedicated his life to the betterment of humanity.

If there is any way the City of Mississauga can support the Foundation or the community during this difficult time, we are here to extend our full support.

With heartfelt sympathy and respect,

Carolyn Parrish, Mayor of Mississauga