



His Highness Prince Aga Khan Shia Imami Ismaili
Council for the Midwestern United States

February 6, 2025

RE: Request for Excused Absence for the Homage Ceremony of the 50th hereditary Imam of the Ismaili Muslim community, Prince Rahim al-Hussaini Aga Khan V

To whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well. The Shi'a Ismaili Muslim community is marking a historic occasion – the **accession of Prince Rahim al-Hussaini Aga Khan V as the 50th hereditary Imam** of the Ismaili Muslim community. A global homage ceremony marking the occasion will take place on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**.

This is a deeply significant event for all members of the Ismaili community, marking the formal acknowledgment of Prince Rahim Aga Khan V as the spiritual leader of the Shi'a Ismaili Muslims, and marking a time for reflection, prayer, and gratitude, as Ismaili Muslims around the world come together in unity. For more information about this, please see www.the.ismaili.

In light of this, we kindly request that _____ Shahil Merchant _____ be granted an excused absence on this day to fully observe and participate in this important religious event.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and consideration. Please feel free to reach out if further information is required.

Sincerely,

Rahim H. Poonja
President, Ismaili Council for Midwestern United States