

Saluting the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) - Washington-State

WHEREAS, Religious liberty is a guarantee under the United States Constitution's First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, "Absolute freedom of conscience in all matters of religious sentiment, belief and worship" is guaranteed in Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Council on American-Islamic Relations (**CAIR**) is the nation's largest American Muslim civil liberties organization dedicated to defending Muslim civil liberties, promoting civic engagement and mutual understanding; and

WHEREAS, **CAIR** works across our state, including in Spokane County, to empower local Muslim citizens to engage in the public affairs of their community; and

WHEREAS, **CAIR** works across our state, including in Spokane County, to empower local Muslim children and families to add their stories of challenges, triumph, hopes, and dreams to the public conversation; and

WHEREAS, **CAIR** works with Spokane Muslims, who are Americans in their hearts and in fact - most are born or raised as U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims are dedicated to raising and educating their children, and want to succeed in the traditional American way - by working hard and supporting their families; and

WHEREAS, **CAIR** works on behalf of thousands of Spokane area Muslim families by enhancing community understanding of American Muslims, encouraging productive dialogue, and building community coalitions to promote justice and mutual understanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Spokane, we salute The Council on American-Islamic Relations (**CAIR**) and thank them for their work on behalf of thousands of Spokane area Muslim families.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this 21st day of September in 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stuckart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Stuckart
Spokane City Council President