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مجلس علماء المسلمين الشيعة في أمريكا الشمالية The Council of Shia Muslim Scholars In North America

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful **Announcement Regarding the New Crescent of THE HOLY MONTH OF MUHARRAM 1431**

To all believers in North America,

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon all of you.

The Crescent Moon Committee of the Council of Shia Muslim Scholars in North America announces the verified sighting of the crescent moon in several areas of North America after sunset on Thursday 17 December 2009. As a result, Friday December 18, 2009, will be the first day of the month of Muharram for the year 1431 A.H. Accordingly, the day of Ashura in which we commemorate the Master of Martyrs, Imam Husain (peace be upon him), will be on Sunday December 27, 2009.

We ask Allah The Exalted to support us in the commemoration of this tragedy, to accept our deeds, and to hasten the appearance of the Imam on our time (atf).

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