

# PROCLAMATION

BY

MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE

DESIGNATING JANUARY 8-15, 2012

AS

"MOORISH AMERICAN WEEK"

IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites, Hamites, and Canaanites who were permitted by the Pharaohs of Egypt to traverse from East Africa and later created kingdoms from the northwestern and southwestern shores of Africa and the Atlantic Islands across the present day Continental Americas; and

WHEREAS, the indigenous Moorish Peoples of the Americas are again invited in order to link themselves with the family of nations from the past; and

WHEREAS, the Moorish Americans, being aboriginal to the territories of North, Central, and South America, have formed a sovereign theocratic government guided by the cultural principles of love, trust, peace, freedom, and justice by virtue of the universal right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 1866, Noble Drew Ali was born in the State of North Carolina to later become the first prophet of his racially enslaved Moorish American people; he was later renamed "El Hajj Shuaib Abd Al-Ali" by the leaders in Egypt and the Holy City of Mecca and then returned to the United States as the last prophet and founding father of the newly risen Nation of Moorish Americans.

THEREFORE, I, STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim January 8-15, 2012, as "MOORISH AMERICAN WEEK" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this eighth day of January, two thousand twelve.



Stephanie L. Blake  
Mayor