

MOSCOW COMMUNITY WALK PROCLAMATION & DEDICATION

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 7th consecutive year of Moscow's CommUNITY Walk, the vision of longtime human rights advocate S.M. 'Ghazi' Ghazanfar; and

WHEREAS, This event celebrates and nourishes Moscow's reputation as a welcoming, inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, Moscow Human Rights Commission; Latah County Human Rights Task Force; the Office of Human Rights, Access, and Inclusion at the University of Idaho; the Northwest Coalition for Human Rights; the City; University; and our many allies are committed protecting civil and human rights through social justice and unity; and

WHEREAS, Human rights are advanced by through relationships, policies, and practices that support equality and fairness for all people; and

WHEREAS, Moscow's CommUNITY Walk symbolizes our commitment to preserving and enhancing peace and understanding among individuals from all backgrounds and persuasions; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, CommUNITY Walk founder S.M. 'Ghazi' Ghazanfar described the inaugural event as "...simply a walk. We're walking together;" and

WHEREAS, Our fondly-regarded 'Ghazi' and Rukhsana will be missed when they move to Atlanta this spring;

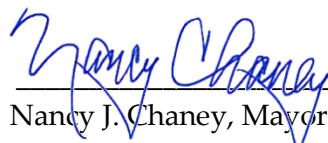
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 27th, 2013 as

CommUNITY Walk Day

in the City of Moscow, and extend special recognition to the Ghazanfars, who exemplify the ideals of unity and inclusivity, and who have given so much of themselves to our community over these many years, and I urge everyone to participate in this year's event as they are able, and to promote compassionate connections throughout our community, region, and world.



DATED this 27th day of April, 2013



Nancy J. Chaney, Mayor