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To Whom It May Concern,

This is to inform you that July 28, 2023, coincides with a very important day in the Shi'a Muslim religious calendar.

July 28, 2023 this year will coincide with the Day of 'Ashura. 'Ashura Day and the preceding evening are very solemn times when Shi'a Muslims around the world attend special ceremonies to commemorate the massacre of Imam Husayn, his family and companions in Karbala (Iraq) 1385 years ago. Imam Husayn was the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The commemorative ceremonies are held for ten nights, culminating on the eve and the day of 'Ashura. On the level of important, the Day of 'Ashura may be comparable to the Yom Kippur of the Jewish calendar.

I hope the workplace or the school will accommodate the religious values of Shi'a Muslim workers or students, and give exemption for their very important religious holiday.

Thanking you in anticipation for your understanding and cooperation.

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