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**MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF ALGERIA TO THE US, H.E.M. MADJID
BOUGUERRA TO THE CITIZENS OF ELKADER
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ELKADER
(June 19, 2021)**

Dear Mayor Josh Pope,

Dear Citizens of Elkader,

Let me begin with the words of Emir Abdelkader, Assalum Aleikum, Peace be upon You.

As you gather to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of your city, I am delighted to join you and to congratulate you on this auspicious day. I am also honored and privileged to convey to you the greetings and congratulations of your brothers and sisters in Algeria, particularly the citizens of Mascara, your sister city.

I wish I were there among you to break bread and commune with you on this joyful Day.

175 years ago, when the Founders decided to give the name of Elkader to your city, they decided to honor a great man Emir Abdelkader, the founder of the modern State of Algeria, a valiant and fierce opponent of the colonial invaders of the land of his ancestors. His thinking and actions have always been inspired and motivated by peace and tolerance. Peace and tolerance, of which our world is today of great need.

That choice made by the Founders, gave also birth to a great friendship which has steadily grown and strengthened. While commemorating the birth of your city, your gathering is also a celebration of the active and genuine friendship between Elkader and Mascara, which has for years, contributed to further strengthening the rich and expanding partnership between Algeria and the United States of America.

This anniversary, together with the recognition of the independence of the young American Republic by Algeria in 1782 and the signature of our Treaty of Amity and Peace

on September 5, 1795, stand as a solid bedrock on which our multicentennial friendship has grown and solidified.

As we celebrate together this anniversary, I wish to pay tribute and express my gratitude to all those who worked tirelessly throughout the years, with energy and enthusiasm, in strengthening the bond between Elkader and Mascara and in so doing between Algeria and the United States, particularly the successive mayors of both cities, notably the Honorable Josh Pope, as well as the many associations and eminent personalities from the civil society, such as Abdelkader Education Project lead by Mrs. Kathy Garms, who, in that respect, played a key role in educating our respective peoples.

175 years after the birth of your beautiful city and more than 200 years after the birth of Emir Abdelkader, that same commitment still guides and inspires our vision of continuing to promote friendship and cooperation between our sister cities.

May the spirit of Emir Abdelkader and that of the Founders of Elkader, continue to inspire us and help foster stronger bond between our two peoples and our two countries.

Long Live Elkader

Long Live the friendship between Elkader and Mascara

Long Live the friendship between Algeria and America