



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2026 AS

American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month

WHEREAS, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, San Mateo County takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse religious, political, and cultural traditions of its residents, including Americans who practice Islam; and

WHEREAS, the history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with enslaved Africans who brought their **Muslim** beliefs with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and today, there are millions of **American Muslims**, both immigrant and native born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, **American Muslims** contribute greatly to the fabric of San Mateo County and to causes that help people from all faiths and backgrounds by providing family services, school supplies, medical assistance, before and after school programs, recuperation efforts following natural disasters, and food to the hungry; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is home to **Muslim** community members who continue to make significant contributions as business owners, legal professionals, doctors, engineers, teachers, farmers, civil rights leaders, humanitarians, and athletes, and in many other great, notable capacities; and

WHEREAS, **Muslims** across California have made invaluable contributions to the arts, including film and television, comedy, music, and the visual arts; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, **American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month** (AMAAM) was moved to the month of April in order to fall within the K12 school year to allow students from all faiths and backgrounds the opportunity to engage with, commemorate, and further their understanding of **American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month**; and

WHEREAS, incidents of hate continue to impact the **Muslim** community, including hate crimes, mosque vandalism, school bullying, workplace and housing discrimination, and hate speech targeted at **Muslims**; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the importance of local government in advocating for peace and justice, understanding that **Muslims** everywhere deserve to live in peace and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims April 2026 as **American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month** in San Mateo County, and expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the **American Muslim** community for outstanding service and dedication to the residents of San Mateo County.

Dated: April 21, 2026

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