

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZING

The Holy Month of Ramadan

WHEREAS, the Bay Area has one of the highest concentrations of Muslims in the nation with approximately 250,000 residents from ethnically diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched San Mateo County's welcoming, tolerant, and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan starts after the last day of the month of Sha'ban, commencing at dusk on April 2, 2022, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day; and

WHEREAS, Muslims around the world observe the month of Ramadan by fasting from sunrise to sunset for spiritual reflection and to help bring awareness to the plight of the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the end of month of Ramadan is celebrated with the Eid-al-Fitr festival, which is a joyous occasion marked by the sharing of sweets, gifts and good familial tidings with friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the County of San Mateo takes great pride in supporting individuals who express their religious freedom and is strengthened by the many varied cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those of American Muslims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby recognizes the Holy Month of Ramadan, expressing its deepest respect to Muslims in San Mateo County and throughout the world on this occasion; and urges the people of San Mateo County to join in celebrating Ramadan and taking this occasion to honor the Muslim community and reflect on the health and wellbeing of family, friends, and fellow citizens.

Dated:

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