

1 [Recognizing the Commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim Holy and Blessed Month]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim Holy and Blessed**
4 **month of fasting and renewal, and expressing respect for the Muslim communities in**
5 **the City and County of San Francisco and the United States.**

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7 WHEREAS, Islam is the world’s second-largest and fastest growing religion with
8 approximately 1,900,000,000 Muslims worldwide making up 26% of the world’s population;
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10 WHEREAS, There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across the state of
11 California, contributing to its vibrant economy, social fabric, and multicultural traditions; and

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

14 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Muslim community has continued to grow and thrive
15 since the establishment of the Islamic Center of San Francisco in 1959, the first mosque
16 located in Bernal Heights which continues to serve as a community and religious hub for
17 Muslims; and

18 WHEREAS, There are five major mosques in San Francisco, including three in the
19 Tenderloin, a neighborhood with a thriving Muslim community (there are approximately 106
20 mosques total in the Bay Area); and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco Muslims have contributed to critical movements in the City
22 that have advanced racial equity, educational equity, criminal justice reforms, environmental
23 justice, public safety, and increased interfaith engagement; and

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1 WHEREAS, Muslim community organizers, cultural and religious organizations, and
2 Small Business Owners and Grocers, the heart and foundation of San Francisco, have
3 enriched San Francisco’s welcoming, tolerant, and diverse community; and

4 WHEREAS, Muslims contribute greatly to charitable organizations that help people
5 from all faiths in the United States and around the world by providing medical assistance,
6 family services, scholastic supplies, before- and after-school programs, feeding the hungry,
7 and providing recuperation efforts following natural disasters; and

8 WHEREAS, Muslim Public Officials and Leaders, City Departments, and allies,
9 including Department of Public Health, UCSF’s EATSF, Human Rights Commission, Small
10 Business Commission, COVID Command Center, Chinatown Community Development
11 Center, and Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation have been helping many
12 Muslim families experiencing hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing over
13 \$60,000 of food vouchers, Personal Protective Equipment, language translation services,
14 health webinars, testing and vaccination opportunities, public health and safety measures for
15 our mosques, and supportive housing; and

16 WHEREAS, One of the Bay Area’s Muslim-led organizations Support Life Foundation,
17 successfully mobilized one of the largest efforts in the Bay Area targeting Food Security for at-
18 risk communities during the pandemic; in San Francisco alone, they provided 11.8 tons of
19 food since August 2020; and

20 WHEREAS, This Ramadan, most Muslims around the world are making every effort to
21 remain safe during the ongoing pandemic and following guidelines advised by local, regional,
22 State, and national public health or government authorities; and

23 WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of
24 sacrifice, introspection, spiritual renewal, and service for Muslims worldwide; and
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1 WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim Holy and Blessed month of Ramadan
2 commences at dusk on April 12, 2021, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to
3 sunset each day; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors acknowledges the onset of Ramadan and
5 expresses its deepest respect to Muslims in San Francisco and throughout the world on this
6 significant occasion; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors affirms the commitment to
8 ensuring that the City values remain welcoming and compassionate and that it pursues
9 policies that respect the dignity and rights of all working people, regardless of race, religion,
10 immigration status or country of origin; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors must always recognize and
12 celebrate how successive waves of immigrants and refugees have helped build and enrich
13 our communities, and make nations and communities strong; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors categorically reject policies that
15 criminalize immigrants, refuse refugees fleeing violence and persecution, discriminate against
16 people of Muslim faith and from predominantly Muslim countries, and deny them of their
17 human and civil rights; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors urges the people of San
19 Francisco to join in celebrating the Holy and Blessed month of Ramadan and taking this
20 month to honor the Muslim community and reflect on the health and wellbeing of family,
21 friends, and fellow citizens.