

1 [American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month - April 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of April 2026 as American Muslim Appreciation and**
4 **Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco and celebrating the myriad**
5 **contributions of the American Muslim community to San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City and County
8 of San Francisco takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is
9 strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions and contributions of
10 its diverse populations, including those that practice Islam; and

11 WHEREAS, The history of Islam in the United States predates the nation's founding,
12 with enslaved Africans bringing their Muslim faith to the Americas and contributing in
13 numerous ways to the country's early development; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, millions of American Muslims, both immigrant and native-born,
15 represent a wide range of ethnicities, languages, and beliefs, united by their shared faith and
16 civic engagement; and

17 WHEREAS, California is home to approximately 1,000,000 American Muslims, the
18 largest population of any state in the country; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) received 8,658
20 complaints of anti-Muslim bias nationwide, the highest in its 30-year history, marking a 7.4%
21 increase from 2023; and

22 WHEREAS, The Islamic Center of San Francisco (ICSF), founded in 1959 as the Bay
23 Area's first masjid, continues to serve as a vital religious and community hub by providing
24 daily prayers, Jummah, Eid, Taraweeh, funeral services, and educational programs; and

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1 WHEREAS, Masjid Al Tawheed offers prayer services in both Arabic and English and
2 serves the community with daily and Friday Jumu'ah prayers, Quran classes, and a weekend
3 school for children, with dedicated spaces for women and a focus on spiritual and educational
4 enrichment; and

5 WHEREAS, The Islamic Society of San Francisco (Masjid Darussalam), located in the
6 heart of the City, promotes a tolerant and inclusive practice of Islam through religious
7 services, community outreach, and intercultural education based on the values of
8 compassion, dignity, and love; and

9 WHEREAS, Al Sabeel Masjid Noor Al-Islam advances principles of equality, justice,
10 and peaceful coexistence through education, community service, and outreach, and fosters
11 Islamic values such as mercy, brotherhood, and peace; and

12 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Muslim Community Center (SFMCC), under the
13 leadership of Imam Na'il Shakoor, plays a key role in uniting and serving the local Muslim
14 population through daily operations, long-term community planning, and a wide range of
15 religious and educational activities; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the responsibility of
17 local government to uphold the rights of all people to live in peace and safety, including the
18 City's Muslim residents and Muslims worldwide; and

19 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize and uplift the myriad contributions of American
20 Muslims in San Francisco, California, and across the United States, and to affirm their rightful
21 place in the civic, cultural, and spiritual life of our communities; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the
23 California State designation for the month of April 2026 as American Muslim Appreciation and
24 Awareness Month, and commends the Muslim communities of San Francisco and California

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1 for their enduring contributions to the advancement, diversity, and vibrancy of our city and
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