

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

2

3 **Resolution honoring the commencement of Ramadan and recognizing the**
4 **contributions of San Francisco’s Muslim community.**

5

6 WHEREAS, Islam is the world’s second-largest and fastest-growing religion, with over
7 two billion Muslims worldwide, comprising 25% of the global population; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States is home to over 4.5 million Muslims, with approximately
9 one million residing in California, contributing significantly to the state's cultural, economic,
10 and social fabric; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area hosts one of the largest and most diverse
12 Muslim populations in the nation, with over 250,000 residents from various ethnic and cultural
13 backgrounds; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a rich history of Muslim presence, with the Islamic
15 Center of San Francisco, established in 1959 in Bernal Heights, serving as a cornerstone for
16 the Muslim community, along with numerous other mosques and Islamic organizations
17 throughout the city, including Darussalam Mosque and AISabeel Masjid Noor Al-Islam in the
18 Tenderloin, a neighborhood home to a vibrant and resilient Muslim community; and

19 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin has long been a hub for immigrant communities, including
20 many Muslim families, small businesses, and faith-based organizations that provide critical
21 services such as food distribution, housing support, and workforce development to
22 underserved residents; and

23 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin is home to a significant population of Muslim and SWANA
24 children who deserve meaningful investment, supportive resources, and safe spaces for

25

1 growth, education, and well-being, as well as a broader sense of security that allows all
2 residents to thrive without fear or harm; and

3 WHEREAS, In August 2022, the San Francisco Board of Education passed a
4 Resolution to recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as district holidays, intended for
5 implementation beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year but still awaiting action by the San
6 Francisco Unified School District; and

7 WHEREAS, Muslim students in California experience bullying at twice the national rate,
8 underscoring the urgent need for inclusive policies and protections within schools; and

9 WHEREAS, The Islamic Center of San Francisco has evolved into a multifaceted
10 community hub, addressing the religious, educational, and social needs of a diverse Muslim
11 population while engaging with the broader San Francisco community; and

12 WHEREAS, Local Muslim-owned businesses, including halal grocers, restaurants, and
13 service providers, contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of San Francisco, with many
14 offering free iftar meals to those in need during the holy month; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite facing increased discrimination, xenophobia, and harmful rhetoric
16 in recent years, Muslim Americans remain steadfast in their commitment to civic engagement,
17 leadership, and service, advocating for the rights and dignity of all communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Policies that have targeted Muslim individuals and families have left lasting
19 impacts, making it ever more critical to reaffirm San Francisco's stance against Islamophobia
20 and all forms of religious discrimination; and

21 WHEREAS, There has been a rise in concerns regarding immigration, reaffirming San
22 Francisco's commitment to supporting immigrant communities, particularly Muslim immigrants
23 and refugees, who contribute to the city's diversity and resilience; and

24
25

1 WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, is a sacred time
2 of fasting, reflection, spiritual renewal, and communal solidarity for Muslims worldwide,
3 fostering values of empathy, self-discipline, and service; and

4 WHEREAS, The observance of Ramadan in 2025 will commence at sunset on Friday,
5 February 28, and continue until the evening of Saturday, March 29, during which time Muslims
6 will fast from dawn to sunset, engage in prayer, and participate in charitable acts; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 recognizes the commencement of Ramadan and extends its deepest respect and best wishes
10 to Muslims in San Francisco, the United States, and around the world; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors commends the contributions of
12 local Muslim-led organizations, mosques, businesses, and community groups that work
13 tirelessly to support vulnerable populations, promote interfaith understanding, and enrich San
14 Francisco’s social fabric; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors reaffirms the City’s unwavering
16 commitment to being a safe and inclusive space for all religious communities, rejecting any
17 policies or rhetoric that foster division, hatred, or discrimination against Muslims and other
18 marginalized groups; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors recognizes the essential role of
20 immigrants and refugees in shaping San Francisco’s history and prosperity, and categorically
21 opposes any measures that criminalize, exclude, or discriminate against individuals based on
22 faith or national origin; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors acknowledges the need for
24 increased investment in the well-being, education, and safety of Muslim and SWANA children
25 in the Tenderloin and commits to fostering a secure environment for all residents; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors urges all San Franciscans to
2 join in honoring the Holy and Blessed month of Ramadan, embracing its message of
3 compassion and reflection, and continuing efforts to build a just, inclusive, and equitable
4 society for all.

5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25