

1 [American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month - April 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of April 2025 as American Muslim Appreciation and**
4 **Awareness Month in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Masjid Al Tawheed offers prayer services in both Arabic and English and
25 serves the community with daily and Friday Jumu'ah prayers, Quran classes, and a weekend

1 school for children, with dedicated spaces for women and a focus on spiritual and educational
2 enrichment; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the
21 California State designation for the month of April 2025 as American Muslim Appreciation and
22 Awareness Month, and commends the Muslim communities of San Francisco and California
23 for their enduring contributions to the advancement, diversity, and vibrancy of our city and
24 nation.