

**AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION
AND AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2022**

WHEREAS, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Fremont takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions and contributions of its diverse populations, including those that practice Islam; and

WHEREAS, over 90,000 Muslims live in Alameda County, and made significant contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of City of Fremont, State of California, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fremont has a thriving Muslim community with full-time Islamic schools, organizations, and mosques, that have been providing religious and community services for decades and have answered the call for help during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Society of East Bay has established their COVID-19 Care Program, which provides financial aid, groceries and supplies, serves dinners at Abode Homeless Shelter, and delivers food to all vulnerable community members. In partnership with Support Life Foundation, they held multiple COVID-19 vaccine clinics that provided 6,200 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Fremont and its volunteers have served 100 meals a day since the beginning of the pandemic and continued its monthly grocery bag delivery program for the underprivileged of the Tri-Valley area in partnership with Salaam Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, , the Salaam Food Pantry was established in 2016 to serve economically disadvantaged community members through their monthly grocery bag delivery, hot meal program in partnership with local restaurants, and partial rental and utility payments for dozens of families. Many of their volunteers include local high school students; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2016, the Fremont-based American Muslim Community Foundation is an innovative and award-winning national community foundation that has committed to social basic needs, racial justice, and health equity initiatives by distributing more than \$8,000,000 to over 400 nonprofits through creating Donor Advised Funds, Giving Circles, distributing grants, partnering on sponsorships, and building endowments for the American Muslim community.

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Fremont City Council hereby honors and recognizes the month of October, 2022 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month in the City of Fremont to acknowledge the rich history, contributions, and guiding virtues of American Muslims and to commend all Muslim communities in California for the lasting positive impact they have made toward the advancement of our city and country.