

RAMADAN MUSLIM HOLY MONTH

WHEREAS, Fremont has a thriving Muslim community with full-time Islamic schools, organizations, and mosques, including the Anjuman-e-Najmi, Averroes High School, ILM Academy, Islamic Center of Fremont, Islamic Society of East Bay, Khalilullah Ibrahim Islamic Center, Ta'leef Collective, and Taqwa Islamic Center that have been providing religious and community services for decades; and

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

WHEREAS, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched Fremont's welcoming, tolerant, and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Meet a Muslim conversations, founded in Fremont, has contributed towards dispelling stereotypes, misunderstanding and misconceptions towards Islam and Muslims bringing people together to live with a better understanding and living in peace and harmony; and

WHEREAS, Muslim-led organizations such as Salaam Food Pantry, have successfully mobilized efforts in Fremont, targeting Food Security for at-risk communities during the COVID-19 Crisis. They have provided 100 thousand pounds of food in 2020, home delivered food to seniors and impacted folks, distributed 5500 masks; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on April 12, 2021, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, acknowledges Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims in Fremont and throughout the world on this occasion; and we affirm our commitment to ensuring that our City values remain welcoming and compassionate and that we pursue policies that respect the dignity and rights of all working people, regardless of race, religion, immigration status, or country of origin, and the City Council urges the people of Fremont to join in celebrating the holy month of Ramadan and taking this month to honor the Muslim community and reflect on the health and wellbeing of family, friends, and fellow citizens.