


City of Richmond

Proclamation



**Recognizing American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month
City of Richmond**

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000,000 American Muslims currently reside in California, the highest number of any state in the United States. Over 30,000 Muslims live in Contra Costa County, and make innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Richmond 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, The City of Richmond's mosques have played a pivotal role in supporting members of the Muslim community and others in this city. Masjid Al-Rahman, founded in 1995, which hosts weekly congregational prayers for over 300 attendees and conducts food bank distribution twice a week for the Richmond community, regardless of faith; and

WHEREAS, Masjid Al-Noor offers a range of services, including the five daily prayers and Jumu'ah prayers, providing a space for worship, spiritual connection, and programs designed to support individuals in deepening their knowledge and understanding of Islamic teachings; and

WHEREAS, The Muslim Mission Center works to foster a better understanding of Islam locally through education and outreach programs, offering a variety of services for their congregants, such as an Islamic school, family counseling, funeral services, and more; and



WHEREAS, the city council acknowledges the importance of local government in advocating for peace and justice, understanding that Muslims everywhere deserve to live in peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriads of invaluable contributions of American Muslims in California and across the country and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond does hereby recognize the California State Designation of August 2024 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month to acknowledge the rich history, contributions, and guiding virtues of 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.

Mayor Eduardo Martinez
City of Richmond
September 24, 2024

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September 24, 2024

