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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION TO EMBRACE AND EXTEND
HEARTFELT WISHES TO THE BELOVED MUSLIM
COMMUNITY IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS,
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND
ACROSS THE GLOBE, INVOKING BLESSINGS
UPON THEM AS THEY EMBARK UPON THE
SACRED JOURNEY OF RAMADAN, A MONTH
REVERED FOR ITS RITUALS OF PRAYER,
FASTING, CHARITY, AND DEEP REFLECTION**

WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world’s major religions, practiced by an estimated 2 billion people worldwide (Pew Research Center); *and*

WHEREAS, The indelible presence of Muslims in the American narrative spans over four centuries, with their roots entwined in the complex history of the nation, having arrived as resilient souls in the crucible of slavery; *and*

WHEREAS, The Muslim community stands as a testament to the kaleidoscope of human diversity within the United States, contributing immeasurably to the cultural vibrancy of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Fostering the utmost diversity within the most varied religions globally; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a haven for diversity, warmly embraces its Muslim residents, acknowledging their cherished faith as an intrinsic part of the vibrant mosaic that is our shared community; *and*

WHEREAS, The Muslim community plays a vibrant, active role in the City of Boston, including but not limited to contributions in the arts, service industry, union labor, small business economy, medicine, religious life through community groups and mosques, public service, education, non-profit sector, media, law, and community advocacy; *and*

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and is the month in which the Holy Quran was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him); *and*

WHEREAS, Ramadan is a month-long holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide characterized by daily fasting, prayer, and ritual practices, spiritual contemplation, charity, and spiritual rejuvenation; *and*

WHEREAS, The profound purpose of fasting during Ramadan transcends personal restraint, aspiring for a profound understanding of the challenges faced by those ensnared in the grasp of poverty;

WHEREAS, Ramadan emerges as an opportune moment for spiritual contemplation, fostering communal bonds, and extending a helping hand to those in financial strife, a celebration of gratitude; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, With the sacred commencement of Ramadan, estimated to begin on the evening of February 17, 2026 and conclude on March 20, 2026, invokes blessings upon the Muslim community in Boston and across the globe as they enter into Ramadan, a celestial journey spanning one lunar month.

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