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CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO  
MUSLIMS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, THE  
UNITED STATES, AND WORLDWIDE, FOR A JOYOUS  
AND MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF RAMADAN, A  
HOLY MONTH OF PRAYER, FASTING, CHARITY, AND  
REFLECTION

**WHEREAS,** Islam is one of the world's major religions and part of our shared faith tradition;  
*and*

**WHEREAS,** Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and the 9th month of the Muslim calendar year; *and*

**WHEREAS,** One of the purposes of fasting during the holy month of Ramadan is for Muslims to gain a better understanding of the plight faced by people living in poverty; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, and aid those who are struggling financially, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month;  
*and*

**WHEREAS,** Muslims have been a part of the fabric of America for over 400 years, since the first Muslims in America arrived as slaves; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is home to 131,000 Muslims, and their Muslim faith is welcome here; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Having these open spaces allows for residents of District Seven to implement mindfulness and fitness activities which support mental health care and provide community restorative healing spaces while beautifying the community; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Muslim community is one of the most racially diverse faith groups in the United States, and has enriched the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Ramadan begins at dusk on March 23, 2023, and lasts for one lunar month, with the first and last dates determined by the lunar Islamic calendar; **NOW,  
THEREFORE BE IT**

***RESOLVED:*** That the Council goes on record to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, a holy month of prayer, fasting, charity, and reflection; and  
That the Council extends best wishes to Muslims in Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States, and worldwide, a joyous and meaningful observance of Ramadan and that the City Clerk is hereby requested to ensure that Jetpac Resource Center, the Council on American-Islamic Relations – Massachusetts (CAIR-MA), Muslim American Society Boston, the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC Roxbury), Masjid Al Noor, Masjid Al Qur'an, Masjid Alhumdulillah, and Boston Islamic Center, receive a suitably engrossed copy of this order."

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