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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

**A 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 HOLY RITUALS OF PRAYER, FASTING, CHARITY, AND DEEP REFLECTION.**

**WHEREAS,** Islam, a radiant thread woven into the rich tapestry of the world's spiritual traditions, is one of the world's major religions and stands as a testament to our shared faith heritage; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Ramadan, an ethereal interval of fasting and spiritual rejuvenation, graces Muslims worldwide, marking the luminous 9th month of the Islamic calendar; *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; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Ramadan emerges as an opportune moment for spiritual contemplation, fostering communal bonds, and extending a helping hand to those in financial strife, a jubilant celebration of gratitude; *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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a haven for diversity, warmly embraces its 131,000 Muslim residents, acknowledging their cherished faith as an intrinsic part of the vibrant mosaic that is our shared community; *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 religion globally; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The sacred commencement of Ramadan, anticipated to commence in the evening on Sunday, March 10, 2024, and conclude on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, ushers in a celestial journey spanning one lunar month. The initiation and conclusion dates are determined by the lunar Islamic calendar: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the Council, with profound reverence, officially acknowledge and extend its warmest wishes to the esteemed Muslim community in Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States, and across the globe, earnestly desiring a joyous and spiritually enriching observance of Ramadan. That the City Clerk is hereby respectfully implored to ensure that esteemed organizations such as 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 copy of this resolution.

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