



City of Berkeley Proclamation

AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** the City of Berkeley takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the diverse religious, political, and cultural traditions and contributions of its diverse populations, including those that practice Islam; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of Islam on this continent dates back to before the founding of the United States, originating with enslaved Africans who brought their Muslim beliefs to the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** over 90,000 Muslims live in Alameda County and significantly contribute to the cultural, political, and economic fabric of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Berkeley is home to a variety of Muslim institutions, such as the Berkeley Masjid, a vital spiritual and community center, providing a space for prayer, connection, and support for Muslims in Berkeley, Zaytuna College, the first Muslim liberal arts college in the United States, and many Muslim organizations, including the Berkeley Muslim Student Association; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical to acknowledge and promote awareness of the invaluable contributions of Muslims in Berkeley and across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** the Berkeley City Council acknowledges the importance of local government in advocating for justice and reaffirms that Muslims everywhere deserve to live in peace, dignity, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby declare April 2025, to be

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in the City of Berkeley.

Adena Ishii
Mayor



April 15, 2025