

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Trudeau

1           WHEREAS, The Senate of the state of Washington takes pride in  
2 recognizing and honoring Ramadan, a holy month of fasting and  
3 spiritual reflection that is observed by Muslims across the United  
4 States and throughout the World; and

5           WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world's major religions with over  
6 1,900,000,000 Muslims worldwide, 2,500,000 Muslims in the United  
7 States, and hundreds of thousands of Muslims in Washington state; and

8           WHEREAS, the American Muslim community is among the most racially  
9 diverse faith groups in the United States and Washington state; and

10           WHEREAS, Ramadan is the 9th month of the Muslim lunar calendar,  
11 and the observance of it is one of the five core pillars of Islam;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, March 23, 2023, marked the commencement of Ramadan  
14 across the globe, where healthy, adult Muslims abstain from things  
15 like food, water, smoking, intimacy, and foul language from dawn to  
16 dusk as a way to connect more meaningfully with their faith; and

17           WHEREAS, Fasting is seen as a way to practice empathy for others,  
18 be more God-conscious, and cleanse the soul. It is a meaningful time  
19 to heighten worship and devotion while also practicing deeper self-  
20 reflection and self-restraint; and

21           WHEREAS, American Muslims, especially in Washington state,  
22 contribute greatly to the community at large to help people from all  
23 faiths by providing food to the hungry, refugee assimilation, medical

1 assistance, legal aide, family services, relief efforts, and more;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Generosity is intensified during the holy month of  
4 Ramadan, and Muslims are obliged to donate more to charitable  
5 organizations and humanitarian efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, American Muslims have contributed greatly to the United  
7 States, serving as medical professionals, teachers, first responders,  
8 journalists, writers, artists, athletes, small business owners,  
9 professors, activists, community leaders, and elected public  
10 officials across government representing both major political  
11 parties; and

12 Whereas, The end of Ramadan is marked by Eid-al-Fitr ("festival  
13 of breaking the fast"), a three-day Islamic holiday that will take  
14 place on April 21, 2023, or on the first day of the new moon  
15 sighting;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of  
17 Washington support and respect the Muslim community, and proudly  
18 acknowledge the Islamic faith; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of  
20 Washington express our sincere best wishes to Muslims across the  
21 state and throughout the world for a joyous and meaningful observance  
22 of Ramadan during this significant month.

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