

1 [Recognizing the Commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim Holy and Blessed Month - Sunset
2 on February 17 through Evening of March 19, 2026]

3 **Resolution honoring the commencement of Ramadan on the sunset on Tuesday,**
4 **February 17, and continue until the evening of Thursday, March 19, 2026, and**
5 **recognizing the contributions of the Muslim community in the City and County of San**
6 **Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, Islam is the world's second-largest and fastest-growing religion, with over
9 2,000,000,000 Muslims worldwide, comprising 25% of the global population; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States is home to over 4,500,000 Muslims, with approximately
11 one million residing in California, contributing significantly to the state's cultural, economic,
12 and social fabric; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area hosts one of the largest and most diverse
14 Muslim populations in the nation, with over 250,000 residents from various ethnic and cultural
15 backgrounds; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a rich history of Muslim presence, with the Islamic
17 Center of San Francisco, established in 1959 in Bernal Heights, serving as a cornerstone for
18 the Muslim community, along with numerous other mosques and Islamic organizations
19 throughout the city, including Darussalam Mosque and AISabeel Masjid Noor Al-Islam in the
20 Tenderloin, a neighborhood home to a vibrant and resilient Muslim community; and

21 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin has long been a hub for immigrant communities, including
22 many Muslim families, small businesses, and faith-based organizations that provide critical
23 services such as food distribution, housing support, and workforce development to
24 underserved residents; and

1 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin is home to a significant population of Muslim and SWANA
2 children who deserve meaningful investment, supportive resources, and safe spaces for
3 growth, education, and well-being, as well as a broader sense of security that allows all
4 residents to thrive without fear or harm; and

5 WHEREAS, In August 2022, the San Francisco Board of Education passed a
6 resolution to recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as district holidays, intended for
7 implementation beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year but still awaiting action by the San
8 Francisco Unified School District; and

9 WHEREAS, Muslim students in California experience bullying at twice the national rate,
10 underscoring the urgent need for inclusive policies and protections within schools; and

11 WHEREAS, The Islamic Center of San Francisco has evolved into a multifaceted
12 community hub, addressing the religious, educational, and social needs of a diverse Muslim
13 population while engaging with the broader San Francisco community; and

14 WHEREAS, Local Muslim-owned businesses, including halal grocers, restaurants, and
15 service providers, contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of San Francisco, with many
16 offering free iftar meals to those in need during the holy month; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite facing increased discrimination, xenophobia, and harmful rhetoric
18 in recent years, Muslim Americans remain steadfast in their commitment to civic engagement,
19 leadership, and service, advocating for the rights and dignity of all communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Policies that have targeted Muslim individuals and families have left lasting
21 impacts, making it ever more critical to reaffirm San Francisco's stance against Islamophobia
22 and all forms of religious discrimination; and

23 WHEREAS, There has been a rise in concerns regarding immigration, reaffirming San
24 Francisco's commitment to supporting immigrant communities, particularly Muslim immigrants
25 and refugees, who contribute to the city's diversity and resilience; and

1 WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, is a sacred time
2 of fasting, reflection, spiritual renewal, and communal solidarity for Muslims worldwide,
3 fostering values of empathy, self-discipline, and service; and

4 WHEREAS, The observance of Ramadan in 2026 will commence at sunset on
5 Tuesday, February 17, and continue until the evening of Thursday, March 19, during which
6 time Muslims will fast from dawn to sunset, engage in prayer, and participate in charitable
7 acts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
9 recognizes the commencement of Ramadan and extends its deepest respect and best wishes
10 to Muslims in San Francisco, the United States, and around the world; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the contributions of
12 local Muslim-led organizations, mosques, businesses, and community groups that work
13 tirelessly to support vulnerable populations, promote interfaith understanding, and enrich San
14 Francisco's social fabric; and, be it

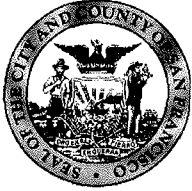
15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms the City's unwavering
16 commitment to being a safe and inclusive space for all religious communities, rejecting any
17 policies or rhetoric that foster division, hatred, or discrimination against Muslims and other
18 marginalized groups; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the essential role of
20 immigrants and refugees in shaping San Francisco's history and prosperity, and categorically
21 opposes any measures that criminalize, exclude, or discriminate against individuals based on
22 faith or national origin; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the need for
24 increased investment in the well-being, education, and safety of Muslim and SWANA children
25 in the Tenderloin and commits to fostering a secure environment for all residents; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all San Franciscans to
2 join in honoring the Holy and Blessed month of Ramadan, embracing its message of
3 compassion and reflection, and continuing efforts to build a just, inclusive, and equitable
4 society for all.

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Resolution honoring the commencement of Ramadan on the sunset on Tuesday, February 17, and continue until the evening of Thursday, March 19, 2026, and recognizing the contributions of the Muslim community in the City and County of San Francisco.

February 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/24/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

3-6-2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Clerk of the Board

3-6-2026

Date