

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council Miguel A. Arias

WHEREAS, American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month, now observed in April to better align with the academic calendar, provides an important opportunity to recognize and celebrate the rich history, cultural heritage, and enduring contributions of Muslim Americans, which continue to strengthen and shape the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a nonprofit organization dedicated to uplifting and advocating for Muslim communities nationwide, through its California chapter, advances this mission here in the City of Fresno through legal services, advocacy, and educational programming; and

WHEREAS, Fresno's Muslim community has worked to create spaces for reflection, education, and meaningful civic engagement, building deep connections both within the Muslim community and across the broader Fresno community; and

WHEREAS, Muslim Americans in Fresno have made significant contributions to the social and economic fabric of the City, as entrepreneurs, educators, physicians, public servants, and community leaders, enriching the lives of all residents through both professional and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno is enriched by the diversity of its residents and remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering an inclusive community where all individuals can express their identities, cultures, and beliefs with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Fresno City Council and Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as:

“American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, on the 9th day of April 2026.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIGUEL A. ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President, District 7

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