

CITY OF FRESNO

*Offices of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer,
Council Vice President Miguel A. Arias, and Councilmember Tyler Maxwell.*

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno proudly recognizes its thriving and diverse American Muslim community, whose rich heritage and contributions have helped shape the city’s cultural, social, economic, and civic identity; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims in Fresno contribute meaningfully across numerous fields, including healthcare, education, business, technology, and public service, strengthening the well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Fresno is home to several respected Islamic institutions, including My Deen Islamic Center, Masjid Badr, Masjid Al-Aqabah, Masjid Fresno, and the Islamic Foundation of Clovis and Fresno (IFCF), which will serve not only as places of worship, but also hubs of education, service, community engagement, and interfaith collaboration; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims in Fresno have established themselves as leaders and contributors in a variety of sectors such as healthcare, education, public service, business, and technology, serving as doctors, educators, nonprofit leaders, small business owners, and innovators through endeavors such as Alchemist Coffee Lab, Olive Tree Fresno, Collect Coffee, Petals, Kebab City, Golden Grill, Dhahabi Jewelers, and Sabaya Hut, as well as student-led groups organizations at Fresno State, including Students for Palestinian Liberation and the Muslim Student Association; and

WHEREAS, Fresno’s Muslim community has long stood at the forefront of civil rights and social justice movements, standing in solidarity and working with other marginalized communities to promote and uplift the core values of equity, dignity, and compassion for all; and

WHEREAS, American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to recognize and honor the spiritual, cultural, and civic contributions of our Muslim neighbors, to amplify their voices, while promoting mutual understanding, respect, and unity among all communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno unequivocally condemns Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate, and all forms of bigotry and prejudice, and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to fostering a city where every resident, regardless of faith, heritage, or identity, is safe, seen, and respected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Fresno City Council and Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 to be:

American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and
affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, on the 24th day of April 2025.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIGUEL A. ARIAS, Council Vice President, District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President, District 2

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