

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, cities across the United States have recognized January as Muslim Heritage Month to celebrate Muslim communities and promote greater public understanding of their contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to join peer jurisdictions in affirming the value of recognizing Muslim Heritage Month and in uplifting the many communities that make Austin a welcoming place for all; and

WHEREAS, the City is a diverse and inclusive community whose strength is rooted in the many cultures, traditions, and faiths of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Muslim Austinites have long contributed to the social, cultural, economic, and civic life of the City, enriching the community through public service, education, entrepreneurship, advocacy, arts, and interfaith engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Muslim Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the history, achievements, and lived experiences of Muslim communities while promoting understanding, respect, and belonging across the city; and

WHEREAS, the City has demonstrated its commitment to equity, inclusion, and cultural recognition by acknowledging heritage and faith-based observances that reflect the diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, continued collaboration between the City and community partners is essential to meaningfully support heritage and faith observances and ensure they are celebrated in ways that are inclusive, respectful, and community-informed; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City formally recognizes January as Muslim Heritage Month to be observed annually, in celebration of the contributions and presence of Muslim communities in Austin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to identify opportunities for the City to support heritage and faith-based observance months by researching how peer cities do so and to provide recommendations for how the City can collaborate with Muslim community leaders and other community stakeholders to support and uplift their respective heritage and faith-based observance months. This includes but is not limited to inclusive engagement practices with community leaders and stakeholders, cross-departmental coordination, collaboration with City affinity organizations, supplemental assistance for free publicly accessible events and programming at City facilities, and sustainable methods of recognizing heritage and faith-based observances that align with the City's equity and inclusion goals.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____

Erika Brady
City Clerk