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Date: July 23, 2020
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Rebecca Kaplan, Council President
Subject: Resolution Recognizing the Month of August 2020 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month in the City of Oakland

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

I am recommending my colleagues on the City Council recognize the month August as “American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month”, to acknowledge the rich history, contributions, and guiding virtues of American Muslims and to commend all Muslim communities in California for the lasting positive impact they have made toward the advancement of our city and country.

The freedom of religion holds distinction as a cherished right and a fundamental value upon, which the law and ethics of the United States are based. Over 90,000 Muslims live in Alameda County and make innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States.

Oakland has a diverse and thriving Muslim community, “home to one of the Bay Area’s oldest African American Muslim communities, which pioneered Islamic education in an American setting;” along with numerous Muslim-owned businesses and mosques that make positive contributions to the city and cater to the spiritual and social needs through providing religious and community services.

Please join me in acknowledging and promoting awareness of invaluable contributions of American Muslims in California and across the country, and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserve and declaring the City of Oakland recognize 2020 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month and the Council of Islamic American Relations 5th Anniversary celebrating this legacy.

For questions regarding this report, please email us at djeffries@oaklandca.gov or call 510.238.7082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rebecca Kaplan".

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Council President

City Council
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