

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

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#### ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF EID AL-FITR MARKING THE END OF THE ISLAMIC HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN

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**WHEREAS**, Eid al-Fitr, also called the “Festival of Breaking the Fast,” will begin on the evening of Wednesday, May 12, 2021 and will end in the evening of Thursday, May 13, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renew celebrated by approximately 1,800,000,000 Muslims worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, The observance of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan commences on Monday, April 12, 2021 and ends on Wednesday, May 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, According to Islamic tradition, Eid al-Fitr originated from Prophet Muhammad who got the revelation of the Holy Quran during the month of Ramadan; and

**WHEREAS**, Eid al Fitr is celebrated to pay respect to God for providing strength and perseverance to sustain the month-long fasting rituals; and

**WHEREAS**, Eid al Fitr falls on the first day of the Islamic holy month Shawwal, the tenth month of the lunar based Islamic calendar; and

**WHEREAS**, The holy month of Shawwal is symbolic of new life and renewal after a month of fasting and spiritual cleansing; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslims worldwide celebrate Eid al-Fitr by taking part in prayers that are followed by a sermon soon after dawn, wearing new clothes, distributing sweets, gifting presents and money to children, breaking fast and eating a large variety of traditional foods and desserts, and giving alms to the poor; now, therefore

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland recognizes and honors the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan that is observed and celebrated by over one billion people worldwide

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California