


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR AND COUNCILMEMBER
DAN KALB

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF RAMADAN, PASSOVER, AND EASTER IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is home to a diverse population of more than 440,000 people from all around the world with different cultures, nationalities, ethnicities, and religious backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland acknowledges and respects the many faith traditions of Oakland residents, including the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by over 1,800,000,000 Muslims worldwide and is considered a time of increased worship, spiritual cleansing and good deeds and acts of charity; and

WHEREAS, according to Islamic tradition, Prophet Muhammad received the revelation of the Holy Quran, the central religious text in Islam believed by Muslims to be a revelation from God, during the month of Ramadan; and

WHEREAS, the Holy month of Ramadan commences on April 2, 2022 and ends on May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Passover is a Jewish holiday commemorating the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt over 3,000 years ago, which occurs on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan; and

WHEREAS, Passover is often celebrated with a ceremony where the Seder, a special family meal with foods of symbolic significance, is eaten along with the performance of special prayers and traditional recitations; and

WHEREAS, Passover commences on April 15, 2022 and ends on April 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, according to Christian tradition, Easter is the most important holiday in the Church marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death by crucifixion; and

WHEREAS, Christians around the world celebrate Easter as it represents the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament and the revelation of God's salvific plan for all Christians; and

WHEREAS, Easter is celebrated on April 17, 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland recognizes the various religious holidays occurring during the month of April 2022, including the celebration of Ramadan, Passover, and Easter.

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