CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.	C.M.S.
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## INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022 AS AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Freedom of religion holds the distinction as a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of the United States are based; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims are part of United States' history and have contributed to the production of wealth and construction of this country, dating back to the enslavement of Muslim Africans who were kidnapped and brought to the United States under the institution of human chattel enslavement; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims have long contributed to the welfare, humanitarian, social justice, and community-building initiatives through founding grassroots organizations that challenge inequality and center people for community justice while continuously facing harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, over 90,000 Muslims live in Alameda County and make innumerable cultural, political, social, and economic contributions; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has a diverse and thriving Muslim community with numerous Muslim-owned businesses and mosques that make positive contributions to the city and cater to the spiritual and social needs through religious and community services; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2016, the California State Assembly passed a resolution, House Resolution No. 59, recognizing August as Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland does hereby recognizes August of 2022 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month and commends all Muslim communities for the lasting impact they have made toward the advancement of our city and country.

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:	<u>:</u>	