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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM SHENG THAO**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RELIGIOUS IMPORTANCE OF EID HOLIDAYS
TO OUR MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND TO THE WHOLE CITY OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, Islam is the world's second-largest religion that constitutes an estimated 1.8 billion people or more than 24% of the world population; at-present, there are 3.45 million Muslims living in the US; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center's studies, Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world; and

WHEREAS, Eid holidays, Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al Adha, are two of the widely practiced traditions in the Islamic faith; and

WHEREAS, Eid Al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan (the Muslim holy month of fasting) and Eid Al-Adha celebrates the end of the Hajj pilgrimage; both holidays shift dates every year; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Adha is also an Islamic holiday that remembers Abraham's symbolic sacrifice of his son to God, as referenced in the Quran, Old Testament and New Testament; and

WHEREAS, both traditions are being celebrated by praying, gift-giving, visiting family and friends, going to mosques, hosting large community gatherings, and so much more; and

Whereas; American Muslims have contributed to every part of society to make advancements in medicine, science, engineering, economics, sports, education, and the law; and

Whereas; in the Bay Area, there is a strong presence of 250,000 Muslim community; and

Whereas; since the 1980s, growth and migration has led to an increase of mosques and islamic centers, where there are about 12 mosques in Oakland today; and

Whereas; Oakland has the biggest concentration of African American Muslims in Northern California; and

Whereas; the recognition of Eid, especially in this cultural moment, would make a huge difference in uplifting each other's communities and traditions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland stands in solidarity with the member of the Islamic faith; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland celebrates and recognizes the two Islamic Eid holidays the same way for Christmas, Lunar New Year, and other culturally significant holidays; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the the City of Oakland continues to progress and strive to be a place where all diverse cultures, languages, and religions are welcomed because representation matters.

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
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California