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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EID  
AL-FITR AS A CITY OF BOSTON HOLIDAY ON  
APRIL 10, 2024

**WHEREAS,** Eid Al-Fitr holds profound significance within the global Muslim community as they symbolize not only the culmination of the sacred month of Ramadan, a period of fasting, prayer, and reflection, one of the five pillars of Islam, underscoring the spiritual and communal bonds that unite Muslims around the world; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Eid Al-Fitr carries great spiritual and cultural importance for Muslim communities around the world, embodying themes of faith, gratitude, compassion, and unity among believers; *and*

**WHEREAS,** It is recognized that religious diversity and inclusion are fundamental values enshrined in the laws and codes of Massachusetts. These protections safeguard individuals' rights to freely practice their religion without fear of discrimination or persecution.; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Eid serves as an opportunity for reflection, self-renewal, and spiritual growth, as Muslims reflect on their devotion to Allah (God) and strive to uphold the values of compassion, generosity, and empathy in their daily lives, aligning with the spirit of inclusivity and respect for diverse religious practices; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Observing Eid demonstrates respect for religious diversity and pluralism, affirming the rights of Muslims to freely practice their faith and celebrate their religious traditions without fear of discrimination or prejudice; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, Eid emphasizes acts of charity and generosity, such as giving Zakat al-Fitr, ensuring that everyone can participate in the festivities and fostering community solidarity; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing Eid as a citywide observance highlights Boston's commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and religious freedom, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where people of all faiths feel valued, respected, and celebrated;  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

***RESOLVED:*** The Boston City Council officially recognizes Eid al-Fitr as a significant religious holiday for the Muslim Community. This acknowledgment highlights the cultural and spiritual importance of this occasion. Furthermore, the Council resolves to actively support and promote awareness of Eid al-Fitr celebrations in the city, aiming to foster greater understanding, appreciation, and solidarity among all residents.

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