

Senate Resolution 197

By: Senator Islam Parkes of the 7th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 20, 2025, as Muslim Appreciation Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many contributions have been made by Muslims who have furthered the  
4 development of this state and nation; for over a century, the Muslim American community  
5 has made significant accomplishments in the State of Georgia and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, with persistence, courage, and an enduring belief in the American dream, a  
7 community of almost 200,000 Georgia Muslims are playing a vital role in promoting  
8 freedom and democracy in our communities here in Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Muslims have become an integral part of American society and have  
10 made important contributions in the fields of finance, technology, law, business, politics,  
11 medicine, education, sports, media, the arts, the military, and the government, as well as  
12 other areas; and

13 WHEREAS, the following individuals and organizations have dedicated innumerable hours  
14 of time and energy toward aiding their fellow citizens and are thus deserving of recognition:  
15 IMAN Atlanta, a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization; Dr. Khalid Siddique, founding member

16 of Al-Farooq Masjid; M. Inamullah, founder of Glitter of Hope; Mr. Shahir Rasalan, lifelong  
17 community leader; Dr. Nausheen Naveed, former AAPNA president and dedicated  
18 humanitarian; Dr. Naushad Khan Ghilzai, associate dean of PCOM; Muhammad Nadeem  
19 Raza, founding board member of the Gwinnett Islamic Center; Mr. Omar Shekey, Somali &  
20 Refugees community leader; Kareemah Hanifa, director at Life University and activist;  
21 Fatma Mammadova, science teacher and community outreach coordinator for the Istanbul  
22 Cultural Center; and ICNA Relief Atlanta, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to helping the refugee  
23 community; and

24 WHEREAS, this year, we join together to honor the past and present contributions made by  
25 Muslims on behalf of Georgia and the United States as part of the American cultural and  
26 religious fabric.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize February 20, 2025, as Muslim Appreciation Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
31 press.