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Representative Abdullahi

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brent, Miller, A., Isaacsohn, Galonski, Miranda,
Forhan, Brown, Mohamed, Russo, Dean, Weinstein, Baker, Brewer, Upchurch,
Humphrey, Grim, Robinson**

A RESOLUTION

To recognize February 1 as Ohio World Hijab Day.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The people of the United States and the great State of Ohio, who come from a variety of backgrounds, are united in certain foundational beliefs such as affirming the inherent dignity of all persons, the right of every person to be treated with respect, and the right of all citizens to practice their religion freely; and

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WHEREAS, The Ohio House of Representatives is justly proud to recognize February 1 as Ohio World Hijab Day; and

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WHEREAS, The Hijab, a traditional veil that covers a woman's hair and chest, has been very important to the history of Islam; it is meant to promote dignity and respect for women while maintaining modesty and respect for religious faith; and

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WHEREAS, World Hijab Day was started by Nazma Khan, a resident of New Jersey, as a day set aside for women of different cultures who do not normally wear the Hijab to experience wearing one for the day; its purpose is to encourage

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religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international 18
solidarity; and 19

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2013, the world celebrated its 20
first annual World Hijab Day in recognition of millions of 21
Muslim women who choose to wear the Hijab and live a life of 22
religious faith; and 23

WHEREAS, Since its inception, World Hijab Day has 24
participants from all over the world; and 25

WHEREAS, To combat prejudice, leaders in the American 26
Muslim community are working tirelessly to show that the wearing 27
of the Hijab is a choice, a freedom, and a blessing, as well as 28
to educate their fellow citizens about Islam in ways that are 29
relevant and meaningful; and 30

WHEREAS, One of America's greatest strengths as a society 31
has been our ability to embrace our different faiths and allow 32
individuals to express themselves freely; in this spirit, World 33
Hijab Day encourages the wearing of the Hijab as a proud display 34
of religious faith and communal bonding, which will make us 35
stronger as a nation and more accepting of others; and 36

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Ohio House of 37
Representatives to honor those important events that remind us 38
of the rich and diverse heritage of Ohio and the nation while 39
encouraging greater religious tolerance and understanding in our 40
communities; now therefore be it 41

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 42
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 43
Ohio, pause in our deliberations to recognize February 1 as Ohio 44
World Hijab Day; and be it further 45

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 46
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to Nazma 47
Khan, Founder of World Hijab Day, and the news media of Ohio. 48