

SENATE RESOLUTION

8640

By Senators Trudeau, Billig, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Nobles, Pedersen, Saldaña, Salomon, Shewmake, Valdez, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, and C. Wilson

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the state of Washington takes pride in
2 recognizing and honoring Ramadan, a holy month of fasting and
3 spiritual reflection that is observed by Muslims across the United
4 States and throughout the World; and

5 WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world's major religions with over
6 1,900,000,000 Muslims worldwide, 2,500,000 Muslims in the United
7 States, and hundreds of thousands of Muslims in Washington state; and

8 WHEREAS, the American Muslim community is among the most racially
9 diverse faith groups in the United States and Washington state; and

10 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the 9th month of the Muslim lunar calendar,
11 and the observance of it is one of the five core pillars of Islam;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, March 23, 2023, marked the commencement of Ramadan
14 across the globe, where healthy, adult Muslims abstain from things
15 like food, water, smoking, intimacy, and foul language from dawn to
16 dusk as a way to connect more meaningfully with their faith; and

17 WHEREAS, Fasting is seen as a way to practice empathy for others,
18 be more God-conscious, and cleanse the soul. It is a meaningful time
19 to heighten worship and devotion while also practicing deeper self-
20 reflection and self-restraint; and

21 WHEREAS, American Muslims, especially in Washington state,
22 contribute greatly to the community at large to help people from all
23 faiths by providing food to the hungry, refugee assimilation, medical

1 assistance, legal aide, family services, relief efforts, and
2 more; and

3 WHEREAS, Generosity is intensified during the holy month of
4 Ramadan, and Muslims are obliged to donate more to charitable
5 organizations and humanitarian efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, American Muslims have contributed greatly to the
7 United States, serving as medical professionals, teachers, first
8 responders, journalists, writers, artists, athletes, small
9 business owners, professors, activists, community leaders, and
10 elected public officials across government representing both
11 major political parties; and

12 Whereas, The end of Ramadan is marked by Eid-al-Fitr
13 ("festival of breaking the fast"), a three-day Islamic holiday
14 that will take place on April 21, 2023, or on the first day of
15 the new moon sighting;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state
17 of Washington support and respect the Muslim community, and
18 proudly acknowledge the Islamic faith; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of
20 Washington express our sincere best wishes to Muslims across the
21 state and throughout the world for a joyous and meaningful
22 observance of Ramadan during this significant month.

23 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8640,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 April 4, 2023

28 SARAH BANNISTER
29 Secretary of the Senate