Mecklenburg County North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, the holy month of Ramadan is a time of reflection, spiritual growth, and devotion for Muslims around the world; and

WHEREAS, during this sacred month, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, abstaining from food, drink, and other physical needs as an act of worship and self-discipline; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time for increased prayer, charity, and community service, as Muslims strive to strengthen their spiritual relationship, improve their character and conduct; and

WHEREAS, the month of Ramadan is a time to seek forgiveness, practice gratitude, and strive for personal growth and self-improvement; and

WHEREAS, the breaking of the fast each evening, known as iftar, is a time for families and communities to come together in fellowship and celebration; and

WHEREAS, the values of compassion, empathy, and charity that are emphasized during Ramadan are universal principles that can bring people of all faiths and backgrounds together in a spirit of unity and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Ramadan serves as a reminder of the importance of faith, community, and service in our lives, and encourages us to strive for peace, justice, and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, we urge all people to embrace the values of compassion, empathy, and charity that are emphasized during this holy month, and to strive for a world where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Mecklenburg acknowledges the importance of Ramadan as a time of spiritual growth, reflection, devotion, and inspiration to work towards a more just and compassionate world for all and declares that the County of Mecklenburg recognizes February 28th to March 30th as

"THE MONTH OF RAMADAN"

This 18th day of February 2025

Mark D. Jerrell, Chair

Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners