

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month is celebrated each August to honor American Muslims for their many social, cultural, and economic contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month recognizes the positive impact that American Muslims have made toward the advancement of the United States; American Muslims have long been a part of the history of the United States, and have contributed to the production of wealth and construction of our country; and
- WHEREAS,** Santa Clara County is a thriving community with over 60,000 Muslim residents and American Muslims pursuing diverse professions and making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect and understanding among all people through faith and services; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara’s mosques and community organizations have played a pivotal role in supporting members of the Muslim community and others in this city; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2023, the Council on American-Islamic Relations received 607 complaints of hate crimes or hate incidents, a 419% increase from the previous year, and over 8,000 complaints total, the highest ever in its 30-year history; and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 133 (Wahab), American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month is now recognized in April in order to fall within the school year; in 2025 and afterward, barring additional legislative change, the City of Santa Clara will recognize American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month in April; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara is enriched by the diversity of its residents and takes great pride in recognizing August 2024 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month in honor of the rich history, cultural traditions, and significant contributions that Muslims community members have brought to Santa Clara.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2024 as

American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month

in the City of Santa Clara and do hereby recognize the rich history and significant contributions that American Muslims have had on our city and community.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, 20th day of August 2024.

LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara

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