



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Islam is the second largest religion in the world, with 1.9 billion devotees worldwide and about 3.5 million in the United States, as well as the fastest-growing demographic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Muslim-Americans are one of the most racially diverse groups in the U.S., comprising African Americans, Asians, Arabs, and Caucasians; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to over 130,000 Muslims and continuously growing; and

WHEREAS, Islamic traditions and values provide balance and peace to many of life's problems and often serve as an inspiration and reflection for the millions of individuals who look to the teachings of Islam for guidance; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan, the 9th month in the Islamic calendar, is celebrated annually by millions of Muslims throughout the United States and over a billion Muslims across the world; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is celebrated by Muslims as a month of fasting, community service, and reflection; and **WHEREAS**, during the month of Ramadan, the Muslim community across North Carolina, and particularly in the Town of Holly Springs and across our great nation, will collectively celebrate the revelation of the Quran and its teachings; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Town of Holly Springs it is with immense pride and honor that I recognize the contributions of all Muslim Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Kondratick, Mayor of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 18th, 2026 through March 19th, 2026, as

RAMADAN

The month of fasting for Muslims in Holly Springs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina to be affixed on this 18th day of February, 2026.

Mike Kondratick, Mayor