



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"RAMADAN"

WHEREAS Ramadan is celebrated by many residents of Vancouver of the Islamic faith;

AND WHEREAS Ramadan is a month-long annual observance which is held during the ninth month of the lunar calendar and begins on the sighting of the new moon;

AND WHEREAS Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection, self-discipline, and community building, observed by Muslims worldwide as one of the Five Pillars of Islam;

AND WHEREAS During this month, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, refraining from food and drink. This act of fasting is not only a demonstration of discipline but also a way to empathize with the less fortunate and to focus on spiritual growth and reflection. Ramadan is also a time for Muslims to strengthen their relationships with family and friends, as well as to engage in acts of charity and community service;

AND WHEREAS Ramadan is a deeply spiritual time for Muslims, it is also a time of cultural significance. Many countries with a significant Muslim population have their own unique traditions and customs associated with Ramadan. These traditions vary from region to region, but they all serve to reinforce the importance of community, family, and faith during this special time;

AND WHEREAS At the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr, a festival that marks the end of the month-long fast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM March 22nd to April 20th, 2023 as

"RAMADAN"

in the City of Vancouver.

Ken Sim
MAYOR

