

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0133

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RAMADAN 1447 AH AND EID AL-FITR

WHEREAS, the Denver City Council recognizes and honors Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar (Hijri) calendar, observed by Muslims in Denver and throughout the world as a sacred time of fasting, prayer, reflection, service, charity and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is a month in which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset as an act of worship and discipline, while increasing devotion, recitation of the Qur'an, charitable giving, and service to neighbors—strengthening empathy for those facing hunger, hardship, illness, displacement, or isolation; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic (Hijri) calendar is lunar, and the beginning and end of Ramadan—and other Islamic months—are traditionally determined by the sighting of the new crescent moon; Therefore, the start and end dates of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid may vary by local sightings and by corresponding Gregorian dates, and are observed in accordance with local religious authorities, and community announcements issued by the Colorado Imam Council for the state of Colorado and,

WHEREAS, Ramadan 1447 AH is anticipated to begin at sundown on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, with the first day of fasting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and is anticipated to conclude at sundown on Thursday, March 19, 2026, subject to the moon sighting; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast, is anticipated to begin at sundown on Thursday, March 19, 2026 through Friday, March 20, 2026, subject to the moon sighting. It is a time of Joy and celebration for Muslim families and communities beginning with a special and large congregational prayer known as Salat al-Eid, held across mosques and open spaces signifying collective worship and unity, and

WHEREAS, a central tradition of Eid al-Fitr is **Zakat al-Fitr**, a charitable donation given so that individuals and families in need may share in the joy, celebration and dignity of the holiday. The Eid holiday brings together families and communities for shared meals, gift giving, festive attire, and local customs that reflect the rich diversity of Muslims in the city of the Denver and across the world; and

WHEREAS, Denver's Muslim community—representing many cultures, languages, and backgrounds—strengthens the City and County of Denver through contributions in education, healthcare, small business and entrepreneurship, public service, arts and culture, philanthropy, civic engagement, and ongoing community support; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year and especially during Ramadan, Denver's Muslim organizations, mosques, and community partners contribute to the well-being of the city through charitable relief, volunteerism, food assistance, youth mentorship, family support, and interfaith collaboration—advancing the shared values of compassion, service, mutual aid, and neighborly care; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of building a compassionate, caring, and unified community, the Denver Muslim community would like to invite the Denver City Council and the Denver Community at large to attend an **Iftar (Breaking of the Fast)** meal with the Denver Muslim community at any one of our Mosques or Organizations during any of the days in the month of Ramadan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes and honors Ramadan 1447 AH, anticipated from sundown Tuesday February 17, 2026 through sundown Thursday March 19, 2026, subject to the moon sighting and local observance.

Section 2. That the Denver City Council hereby recognizes and extends greetings for Eid al-Fitr, anticipated to begin sundown Thursday March 19, 2026, with Eid prayer and celebrations on Friday March 20, 2026, subject to the moon sighting and local observance.

Section 3. That the Denver City Council encourages all residents to reflect upon the universal values uplifted during Ramadan—patience, gratitude, mercy, generosity, and care for the most vulnerable—and to continue strengthening a city rooted in dignity, belonging, and service to one another.

Section 4. That the Denver City Council extends its sincere wishes for a blessed Ramadan and a joyful Eid to Muslim residents, families, and communities across Denver and around the world, acknowledging their contributions, traditions, and shared commitment to compassion, service, and unity.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 9, 2026

PRESIDENT

