

Proclamation

American Muslim Appreciation & Awareness Month

April 2025

WHEREAS, freedom of religion holds distinction as a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of the United States are based; and

WHEREAS, over 15,000 Muslims live in San Mateo County and make innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, Redwood City takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions and contributions of its diverse populations, including those that practice Islam; and

WHEREAS, Diyanet Silicon Valley Ertugrul Gazi Masjid, established this year by Bay Area residents from Turkey with the support of the Turkish American Religious Foundation, will serve as a vibrant center for worship, education, and community engagement, to foster unity, cultural connection, and mutual understanding among Muslims and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the importance of local government in promoting harmony and understanding that Muslims everywhere deserve to live in peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad of invaluable contributions of American Muslims in California and across the country, and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, ELMER MARTÍNEZ SABALLOS, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month to acknowledge the rich history, contributions, and guiding virtues of Muslims and to commend all Muslim communities in California for the lasting positive impact they have made toward the advancement of our city and country.

May 20, 2025



Elmer Martínez Saballos, Mayor

Kaia Eakin, Vice Mayor

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