

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation

**HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL ON
AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Council on American-Islamic Relations works to preserve and defend the First Amendment rights of all Americans, uses grassroots efforts to conduct legislative advocacy, offers numerous workshops that contribute to youth empowerment, and represents cases that deal with immigration, employment, students', anti-bullying and harassment rights; and

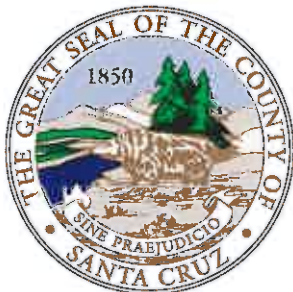
WHEREAS, for the past 15 years, the Council on American-Islamic Relations has held its Annual Muslim Youth Leadership Program at our State Capitol in Sacramento, bringing together Muslim high school students from across California to participate in community organizing and leadership skills, in addition to hosting its 6th annual Muslim Game Changers Network, which is a 3-month social justice training program; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Council on American-Islamic Relations has partnered with an unprecedented number of local governments, to include Santa Cruz to recognize Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month in order to highlight the achievements and contribution of the local American Muslim community; and

WHEREAS, the Council on American-Islamic Relations has tirelessly advocated for sanctuary city rights in many of our cities to protect privacy rights and civil liberties, along with helping families separated by unjust and inhumane immigration policies; and

WHEREAS, the Council on American-Islamic Relations has also held Bystander Intervention Training Seminars this past year to protect those who are threatened by hate and violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, John Leopold, First District Supervisor of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations on its 25th Anniversary and wish to express my sincere thanks for all of your continued work to preserve Constitutional and human rights on behalf of American Muslims throughout our communities.



Member Board of Supervisors

November 9, 2019

Date