

CITY OF MILPITAS

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** freedom of religion is a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of the United States are based; and
- WHEREAS,** Santa Clara County is a thriving community with over 60,000 Muslim residents and American Muslims pursue diverse professions and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrance of the United States, and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect and understanding among all people through faith and services; and
- WHEREAS,** the shelter-in-place order due to the COVID-19 outbreak forced the temporary closure of Muslim nonprofits, community centers, mosques, schools, businesses, and other establishments. Mosques and community organizations are providing online programming and sermons, and have answered the call for help by donating funds, distributing food, and sewing masks; and they have educated their congregations about social distancing guidelines and practices to keep the community safe; and
- WHEREAS,** **nonprofit and charitable foundations such as** Al-Hilaal Islamic Charitable Foundation, the Milpitas Musallah and Muslim Sisters Helping Inc., and Rahima Foundation are assisting community members impacted by Covid-19 through support groups, grocery and medication delivery, financial resources, hygiene packs, and service projects for the unhoused population and those living in shelters. They host classes and programming online and daily prayers outside with a limited number of attendees; and
- WHEREAS,** Bay Area mosques and organizations are committed to standing for justice against systematic racism and in solidarity with the Black community and Black families, and have taken action by organizing, marching in protests, speaking, and committing to combat anti-Blackness inside and outside our communities and acknowledging that justice for Black people is justice for all people; 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; and
- WHEREAS,** enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Milpitas 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 population, including those Americans who practice Islam; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Milpitas seeks to further embrace its diverse community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of American Muslims.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved, the City of Milpitas does hereby recognize the California State Designation of August 2020 as

MUSLIM AMERICAN APPRECIATION AND INCORPORATED AWARENESS MONTH

and celebrates its 5th year of acknowledging the rich history, contributions, and guiding virtues of American 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.

PROCLAIMED this 4TH day of August 2020



Mayor Rich Tran