

# **IN RECOGNITION OF MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH APRIL 2021**

- WHEREAS,** FREEDOM OF RELIGION HOLDS DISTINCTION AS A CHERISHED RIGHT AND A FOUNDATIONAL VALUE UPON WHICH THE LAWS AND ETHICS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE BASED; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE HISTORY OF ISLAM IN THIS COUNTRY DATES BACK TO BEFORE ITS FOUNDING, ORIGINATING WITH ENSLAVED AFRICANS WHO BROUGHT THEIR MUSLIM BELIEFS WITH THEM TO THE AMERICAS AND WHO LATER CONTRIBUTED IN NUMEROUS WAYS TO THE FOUNDING OF THE NATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** ENRICHED BY PARALLELED DIVERSITY OF ITS RESIDENTS, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS, AND IS STRENGTHENED BY THE MANY VARIED CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF ITS DIVERSE POPULATION INCLUDING AMERICAN MUSLIMS; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE MYRIAD OF INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MUSLIM AMERICANS IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND EXTEND TO THEM THE RESPECT AND CAMARADERIE EVERY AMERICAN DESERVES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION TO THE ARTS, MEDICINE, ARCHITECTURE, HUMANITIES, MUSIC AND OTHER AREAS OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE HAVE ENRICHED THE WORLD; AND
- WHEREAS,** MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IS IMPORTANT TO FOSTERING GREATER UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND SOCIAL COHESION AMONG PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS TO HELP COMBAT PREJUDICE. THE RECENT RE-EMERGENCE OF VIOLENCE AIMED AT PLACES OF WORSHIP REQUIRES THAT WE RECOMMIT, THROUGH ACTION AND SOLIDARITY, THAT AN ATTACK ON THE FAITH OF ONE IS AN ATTACK ON THE FAITH OF ALL; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD ENCOURAGES THE PROMOTION OF INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2021 AS:

## **MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

SIGNED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
APRIL 2021, AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR LINDA SHERWOOD  
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM  
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON  
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI  
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