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ACR-233 Ramadan. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 233

CHAPTER 98

Relative to Ramadan.

[Filed with Secretary of State June 13, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 233, Reyes. Ramadan.

This measure would acknowledge the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and express the Legislature's respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this occasion.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Islam is one of the world's major religions and part of our shared human heritage; and

WHEREAS, California's Muslim community is one of the most diverse in the nation with ethnic and cultural backgrounds that span the globe; and

WHEREAS, Muslims have a long history in the United States, spanning back to the slave trade, in which 10 to 15 percent of the enslaved African woman and men were said to be Muslim; and

WHEREAS, Muslims have long served in the nation's armed forces and fought in all major United States wars, from the American Revolutionary War to modern conflicts today, with some Muslim Americans making the ultimate sacrifice in combat; and

WHEREAS, Muslims have contributed to social movements throughout the history of the United States in order to work toward justice and fair inclusion for all; and

WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, Muslim Americans have played a significant role in the history of this state's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately one million Muslim Americans across this state, contributing to its economy, social fabric, and multicultural and pluralistic traditions; and

WHEREAS, The Muslim residents of this state, with their hard work and contributions to medicine, science, information technology, education, police, military, and many other fields, have benefited from and enriched the state's open, tolerant, and economically vibrant environment; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, and aid those in need and marks an annual spiritual renewal for each individual, a reason to celebrate and express gratitude in this month; and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 2018, the State Capitol will host the 15th annual Ramadan Capitol Iftar, a dinner marking the end of fasting on that day at dusk; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide, and is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year; and

WHEREAS, The observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan commences at dusk on May 15, 2018, and continues for one lunar month, from sunrise to sunset each day; now, therefor, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That in observance of, and out of respect for the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, the Legislature acknowledges the onset of Ramadan and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims across California and throughout the world on this significant occasion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.