

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR | CITY OF BEAVERTON

- WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, and marks the first revelation of the *Quran* to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him); and
- WHEREAS, Ramadan lasts 29 to 30 days based on the timing of the crescent moon; and
- WHEREAS, Muslims around the world observe the month by fasting each day from sunrise to sunset; and
- WHEREAS, the daily breaking of fast, called *Iftar*, is often celebrated by family and community gatherings; and
- WHEREAS, Ramadan is regarded as a time for spiritual reflection; increased awareness and giving to the global poor, sick, and hungry; and a bridging of differences between people over a shared commitment to faith; and
- WHEREAS, Ramadan reminds us that Islam has always been a part of America and Muslims have made extraordinary contributions to our country
- WHEREAS, the end of Ramadan is commemorated by the *Eid al-Fitr* festival of breaking the fast, a joyous occasion marked by sharing sweets, gifts, and good tidings with family, friends, and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS, Beaverton joins with Muslims around the world celebrating Ramadan and *Eid al-Fitr* this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton do hereby proclaim April 2, 2022 to May 1, 2022 as:

The Month of Ramadan

in the City of Beaverton and urge all residents to support our community members who are observing Ramadan.



Lacey Beaty, Mayor

