



# Proclamation

## Ramadan

March 11 – April 9, 2024

- WHEREAS** Ramadan is celebrated by tens of thousands of Surrey's Muslim residents; and
- WHEREAS** Ramadan is a month-long annual observance and begins on the sighting of the new moon; and
- WHEREAS** Ramadan is a time for Muslims to strengthen their relationships with family and friends, as well as to engage in acts of charity and community service; observed by Muslims as one of the Five Pillars of Islam; and
- WHEREAS** During this month, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, refraining from food and drink. This act of fasting is not only a demonstration of discipline but also a way to empathize with the less fortunate and to focus on spiritual growth; and
- WHEREAS** Ramadan is a deeply spiritual time for Muslims, it is also a time of cultural significance. These traditions vary from region to region, but they all serve to reinforce the importance of community, family, and faith during this special time; and
- WHEREAS** at the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr marking the end of the month-long fast.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim March 11 – April 9, 2024, as “Ramadan” in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey