

CITY OF UNION CITY

PROCLAMATION



Commemorating August As American Muslim Appreciation Month

***WHEREAS**, Freedom of religion holds distinction as a cherished right and a fundamental value upon which the law and ethics of the United States are based; and*

***WHEREAS**, over 90,000 Muslims live in Alameda County and make innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, Union City has a thriving Muslim community with numerous Muslim owned businesses and restaurants; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Mustafa Institute of California, the Virgin Mary Islamic Center, and Masjid Al-Huda cater to the spiritual and social needs of the Muslim community by providing religious and community services; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Khalil Center, on Union City Boulevard, offers mental health therapy and counseling for Muslims in the Bay Area, integrating Islamic spirituality and religious tradition into healing and wellness practices; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Tayba Foundation supports incarcerated Muslims through guidance, re-entry, and life-skills programs, providing freedom through education; and*

***WHEREAS**, American Muslims in California continue to face harassment, assault, and discrimination; 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.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of Union City, hereby joins communities throughout the State of California in recognizing the month of August 2019 as:*

American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month

***Dated** this 13th day of August, 2019*

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, Mayor

GARY SINGH, Vice Mayor

EMILY DUNCAN, Councilmember

PAT GACOSCOS, Councilmember

JAIME PATINO, Councilmember