

A Salutation for the Month of Ramadan – Celebrating Spokane Muslim Children and Families

WHEREAS, the people of the Islamic faith observe Ramadan during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, in which participating Muslims abstain from food and drink from dawn to sunset as a spiritual practice; and

WHEREAS, fasting is meant to teach patience, modesty, and spirituality, and Ramadan is a time for Muslims to fast for the sake of God, and to offer more prayer than usual; and

WHEREAS, during Ramadan, Muslims ask for forgiveness for past sins, pray for guidance and help in refraining from everyday evils, and to purify themselves through self-restraint and good deeds; and

WHEREAS, Spokane's Muslim children and families have been contributing citizens for over one hundred years, and have been serving the community in many roles such as law enforcement officials, doctors, nurses, small business owners, public school teachers, U.S. military personnel and service veterans; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims uphold the United States Constitution and are dedicated to raising and educating their children, and want to succeed in the traditional American way – by working hard and supporting their families; and

WHEREAS, since sunset on June 5, 2016, the Muslim residents of the City of Spokane have been united with Muslims worldwide in the observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan which emphasizes self-sacrifice and service to God, community and humanity in remembrance of the Creator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Spokane, that we salute Spokane's Muslim children and families for their dedication and service, we express our friendship and support for the Inland Northwest's Muslim children and families, and we extend sincere well wishes to Spokane Muslims for the successful completion of the observance of the month of Ramadan

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this 13th day of June in 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stuckart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Stuckart
Spokane City Council President