



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RAMADAN

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Islam is the second largest religion in the world, with 1.9 billion devotees worldwide and approximately 3.5 million in the United States, as well as the fastest-growing religion globally; and

WHEREAS, Muslim Americans are one of the most racially diverse groups in the nation, comprising African Americans, Asians, Arabs, and Caucasians among others; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to over 27,000 Muslims, a number that is continuously growing; and

WHEREAS, Islamic traditions and values bring balance and peace to many of life's problems and often serve as a source of inspiration and reflection for the millions of individuals who look to the teachings of Islam for guidance; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan, the 9th month in the Islamic calendar, is celebrated annually by millions of Muslims throughout the United States and over a billion Muslims across the world.; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is celebrated by Muslims as a month of fasting, community service, and reflection; and

WHEREAS, during the month of Ramadan, the Muslim community across North Carolina and our great nation will collectively celebrate the revelation of the Quran and its teachings; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages everyone to reflect on the many contributions made by Muslims in our state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2023 – April 21, 2023, as **"RAMADAN"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.