



**WHEREAS**, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is considered the holiest month for 1.8 billion Muslims throughout the world – it marks the first revelation of the *Qur'an* to the Prophet Muhammad; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan is regarded as a time for spiritual reflection, increased awareness and giving to the poor, sick, and hungry, and bridging differences between people over a shared commitment to faith; and

**WHEREAS**, observed by fasting from sunrise to sunset each day of the month, Ramadan lasts 29 to 30 days, based on the timing of the crescent moon – this year, Ramadan began in McKinney on March 11 and will end on April 9; and

**WHEREAS**, the daily breaking of fast, called *Iftar*, is often celebrated by family and community gatherings; and

**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**, in McKinney, Texas, many people of faith recognize and practice Ramadan traditions, attaining piety and submission, practicing self-restraint, cultivating gratitude, and demonstrating compassion for others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 11 THROUGH APRIL 9, 2024, AS**

## THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

**IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

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GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary