WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is considered the holiest month for nearly 2 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 the evening of February 17 in McKinney, Texas, and will end on the evening of March 19; 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, many people of faith recognize and practice Ramadan traditions in our city, striving to attain piety and submission, practicing self-restraint, cultivating gratitude, and demonstrating compassion for others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL COX, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH MARCH 19, 2026, AS

THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

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BILL COX, Mayor

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

City of McKinney
Collin County, Texas