



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Freedom of Religion holds the distinction as a cherished right and a foundational value upon which the laws and ethics of the United States are based; and

WHEREAS, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of North Lauderdale takes great pride in supporting individuals who express their religious freedom and is strengthened by the many varied cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those of American Muslims; and

WHEREAS, the history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with enslaved Africans who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas; and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and

WHEREAS, today, there are millions of American Muslims, both immigrants and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, American Muslims within the City of North Lauderdale strive to promote peace and understanding between all faiths, identities and nationalities while upholding those values and principles that define the American people.

WHEREAS, currently Muslims around the world are also observing the month of Ramadan by fasting from sunrise to sunset for spiritual reflection and to help bring awareness to the plight of the less fortunate, and

WHEREAS, the end of month of Ramadan is celebrated with the Eid-al-Fitr festival, which is a joyous occasion marked by the sharing of sweets, gifts and good familial tidings with friends and neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021

AMERICAN MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH

and extend the respect and camaraderie every American deserves as we call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2021




MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE