



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Santa Rosa takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions and contributions of its diverse populations, including those that practice Islam; and

**WHEREAS**, over 9,000 Muslims live in Sonoma County, and make innumerable contributions to the cultural, political, and economic fabric and well-being of California and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Islamic Society of Santa Rosa, founded in 2015, is a vibrant community center serving Muslims across the North Bay; a hub for learning, youth programs, charitable initiatives, and interfaith outreach; and remains committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and spiritually enriching environment for everyone who walks through its doors; and

**WHEREAS** the city council acknowledges the importance of local government in advocating for peace and justice, understanding that Muslims everywhere deserve to live in peace and safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim April as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month to acknowledge the rich history, contributions, and guiding virtues of Muslims and to commend all Muslim communities in California for the lasting positive impact they have made toward the advancement of our city and country.

### AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Mark Stapp  
April 7, 2026