

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE  
RESOLUTION 11

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution designating observation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha in Oklahoma to recognize the state's Muslim American community; and celebrating the contributions of this community in the State of Oklahoma and the United States.

WHEREAS, Muslims celebrate two Eid festivals every lunar year, Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr, or "festival of breaking the fast", is celebrated first at the conclusion of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan; and

WHEREAS, Muslims in the United States observe this time of sacrifice and contemplation by fasting, reading the Holy Qur'an, participating in charity work and worship, and emphasizing self-discipline; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Adha, the "feast of sacrifice", is celebrated two months later and commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son; and

1           WHEREAS, Eid al-Adha is the most sacred of the two Eid holidays,  
2 and centers around the importance of sacrifice and giving back for  
3 family, community, and the neediest amongst us; it often coincides  
4 with the completion of the Hajj or pilgrimage that is attended by  
5 millions of Muslims each year; and

6           WHEREAS, Muslim Americans in our communities make significant  
7 contributions to our state in areas such as medicine, science,  
8 engineering, commerce, economics, sports, education, and law; and

9           WHEREAS, one percent of our statewide population in Oklahoma  
10 identifies as Muslim; and

11           WHEREAS, encouraging all state residents to recognize the  
12 significance of the two Eid holidays will lead to greater  
13 understanding within our communities.

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
15 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16           THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates Eid al-Fitr and Eid  
17 al-Adha as days of observance in the State of Oklahoma to recognize  
18 and celebrate their importance to the Muslim residents in our  
19 communities.

20           THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the Muslim American  
21 community in Oklahoma and celebrates the contributions of this  
22 community in the State of Oklahoma and the United States.

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