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MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP COMMEMORATES RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR

Mount Laurel, NJ --- On Monday April 18, Mount Laurel Township Council recognized Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr with a proclamation.

Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, during which families and communities come together for prayers and spiritual reflection. The month is observed by fasting each day from sunrise to sunset, including the pre-fast meal, *Suhoor*, and the breaking of the fast *Iftar*. The *Iftar* is celebrated in festive gatherings, with different cultures having their own rich practices and traditions.

The festival of Eid al-Fitr commemorates the end of Ramadan and is a joyous occasion celebrated with friends, family, and neighbors. “For the first time in its 150 year history, Mount Laurel has recognized a Muslim holiday. When people from different backgrounds are able to not only respect each other’s personal practices and cultures, but celebrate them together, our community becomes more tight knit and strong.” Councilwoman Janjua stated.

“We strive to make Mount Laurel a Township where everyone feels welcome to celebrate their rich traditions.” Mayor Pritchett said. “Muslim Americans are an integral part of our community in Mount Laurel, so to be able to recognize such an important month and holiday for the first time is something the Township and council was excited to do.”

The proclamation will take effect immediately.

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