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MOTION:

**May 4, 2021
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 21-**

SECOND:

RE: PROCLAIM – APRIL 12 – MAY 12, 2021 – RAMADAN IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Ramadan is the holiest month of the Islamic calendar, and marks the first revelation of the *Quran* to the Prophet Muhammad; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan lasts 29 to 30 days based on the timing of the astronomical new moon; and

WHEREAS, Muslims around the world observe the month by fasting each day from sunrise to sunset; and

WHEREAS, the daily breaking of fast, called *Iftar*, is often celebrated by family and community gatherings, and is followed by the *Tarawih* evening prayer; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan is regarded as a time for spiritual reflection, increased awareness, and giving to the global poor, sick, and hungry, and a bridging of differences between people over a shared commitment to faith; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 and 2021, COVID-19 made it challenging to celebrate Ramadan without all of the customary gatherings and formalities, however the holy month was still full of reflection, compassion, and unity; and

WHEREAS, the acts of kindness and selflessness shown by the Muslim community continue to bring hope to us all especially during these trying times; and

WHEREAS, the end of Ramadan is traditionally 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, one of Prince William County's greatest strengths is its diversity and is proud to be home to a large and thriving Muslim community; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County joins with Muslims around the world celebrating Ramadan and a blessed Eid al-Fitr this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims April 12 to May 12, 2021, Ramadan in Prince William County, and invite all residents of Prince William County to observe its celebration.

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board