

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, West Windsor is proud of its rich cultural history and the many people who call our town home; and
- WHEREAS, Muslims have been part and parcel of this nation since before its founding. This includes Muslim explorers and settlers; and
- WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has proclaimed the month of January as Muslim Heritage Month. The Muslim community in New Jersey is relatively large and thriving. There are many Muslim private schools, Halal certified restaurants and grocery stores, community centers, youth groups that cater to Muslims and, of course, mosques; and
- WHEREAS, the Township of West Windsor is home to a significant Muslim American population who represent widely diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds; West Windsor is also home to one of the largest mosques in the area, the Muslim Center of Greater Princeton; and
- WHEREAS, West Windsor's Muslims actively engage in charitable and public service individually and institutionally. The Muslim Center has served West Windsor since 1996 and many West Windsor Muslims have served in various public service and charitable roles. The Muslim community is an integral part of the West Windsor community; and
- WHEREAS, the Township of West Windsor and our nation have greatly benefited from Muslim Americans, especially through their rich cultures and traditions. Muslim Americans share their strong family values, dedication to education, generosity in charitable giving, devotion to public service, diversity in faith and creed that add strength to our democracy; and
- WHEREAS, Muslim Americans are strong contributors to economic sectors and have particularly excelled in the areas of medicine, law, business, education, politics, government, military service, technology, science and culture and arts; and
- WHEREAS, we recognize the many contributions the Muslim American community has made to our beloved Nation, State and Township, and reaffirm our total rejection of anti-Muslim hate and Islamophobia and all forms of bigotry.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of January, 2024 by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Council recognize January as:



Muslim American Heritage Month in perpetuity

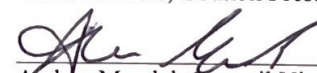
In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 16th day of January, 2024.


Hemant Marathe, Mayor


Sonia Gawas, Council Member


Daniel Weiss, Council Member


Linda Geever, Council President


Andrea Mandel, Council Vice President


Martin Whitfield, Council Member