



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, the Empire State's faith communities contribute to our strength and diversity, bringing people together in spiritual fellowship and reminding us of our shared responsibilities as one family of humankind; and

Whereas, the Muslim community adds to the rich fabric of New York City and State, building solid foundations for social, cultural, and communal growth; and

Whereas, Islam is the second largest practiced faith in the world, which today includes more than one billion followers of the five pillars that provide the framework of Muslim life; and

Whereas, Ramadan is a holy month of introspection and prayer, marked by a period of daily fasting from dawn to dusk, and represents one of the five pillars of Islam; and

Whereas, the observance of Ramadan concludes with Eid-al-Fitr, considered one of Islam's major holidays that marks the breaking of the fast and brings the Muslim community together to share a meal in the spirit of friendly accord, joyfulness, and celebration that lasts several days; and

Whereas, we join with the many Muslim communities of our state in observing Eid-al-Fitr – a holiday of thanks, self-reflection, and celebration of a life of wisdom and compassion, embraced as important and positive concepts among global humankind;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby confer this Citation in recognition of July 6, 2016 as

EID-AL-FITR

and extend best wishes to our state's Muslim communities for peace today and all days to come.



A blue ink signature of Andrew M. Cuomo, written in a cursive style.

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor