



Proclamation

Whereas, Watchung takes great pride in the growing variety of religious and cultural traditions of its residents and seeks to afford all people in Watchung the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich histories, cultures, contributions, and shared principles of Muslim Americans; and

Whereas, Muslim Heritage Month is a time to honor and celebrate the rich history, diverse traditions, and significant contributions of the Muslim community to our society, recognizing their role in shaping our cultural, social, and economic landscape; and

Whereas, Muslims have inhabited the United States since before the country's founding and Morocco was the first country to recognize the United States of America as a new country with the Treaty of Friendship in 1786; and

Whereas, whether they have called the United States home for many generations or are newly arrived, each individual has their own story to share and listening to these unique perspectives fosters connections and broadens perspectives; and

Whereas, during this month, we honor the resilience and perseverance of the Muslim community in overcoming challenges and discrimination, and we stand together to affirm our commitment to combating hate, bigotry, and prejudice in all its forms.

Now therefore, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby recognize the month of January, 2025 as

Muslim Heritage Month

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor

January 16, 2025