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Islamic Relief USA  
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Dear Friends,

I want to wish all members of the Muslim community in New York's 13th congressional district and around the world, Ramadan Mubarak.

This is a special celebration every year, and this year is no different. Two years after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration that bands a community together is necessary. While our lives have changed dramatically, the traditions we hold close remain the same, providing comfort and connection to the community. Support is such an integral aspect of what powered our communities through the challenges of the past year. Early for the pre-dawn *suhoor* meal, preparing an *iftar* meal to break that day's fasting after *Maghrib* prayer, and late nights into the early morning in *taraweeh* prayer are practiced with the support of not only the immediate friends and family but the entire global Muslim community. The fundamental sense of unity and congregation in the Muslim community in homes, community centers, and *masjids* during Ramadan – are practices that I deeply admire and respect.

My hope is that this year's Ramadan celebration offers the Muslim community the time for customary reflection and allows those who have worked tirelessly this year aiding their communities during our COVID-19 response and recovery to honor their faith and connect with their loved ones.

To my constituents, neighbors, and friends throughout New York City and around the world, Ramadan Mubarak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adriano Espaillat', written in a cursive style.

Adriano Espaillat  
Member of Congress