



CALIFORNIA, 30TH DISTRICT

CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN

I am pleased to wish a Ramadan Kareem to the Muslim community of Southern California, the United States, and around the world.

As Ramadan begins, Muslims across the United States begin a season of reflection, spiritual renewal, and charitable giving. To mark this holy month for the Muslim community, here in Congress I have joined my colleagues in introducing a resolution to recognize the commencement of Ramadan and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith. I have cosponsored resolutions to commemorate Ramadan for over a decade.

I would also like to share with you actions Congress is taking to support and protect Muslim communities across America and around the world. This Congress, the House passed the ***Combating International Islamophobia Act***, which I am a cosponsor of. This legislation will create an office at the State Department to monitor and combat Islamophobic violence abroad - such as that committed against the Uyghurs in China and the Rohingya in Myanmar.

We also have more work to do to make sure that Muslim places of worship have the resources they need to keep their congregations and communities safe. That's why I have worked to expand the Non-Profit Security Grant, which provides grants to targeted faith and community-based organizations, such as mosques, so that these organizations can afford security measures that would otherwise be too costly. In January of this year, I joined my colleagues in asking House Appropriators to expand funding for this program in the face of rising hate crimes. I will continue to work to expand this grant to ensure all mosques have access to the resources they need to protect their congregations.

I wish you and your family an easy fast and a blessed Ramadan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Sherman".

BRAD SHERMAN  
Member of Congress