

Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH
JANUARY 2024

WHEREAS, Marlboro Township is proud to recognize the contributions of the Muslim community and celebrate the month of January as Muslim Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Muslims are the world's second-largest religious group practicing the Islamic faith, with 1.9 billion followers representing approximately 25% of the world's population and in the United States, 1.1% of the population numbering about 3.45 million Muslims from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Muslims first arrived in North America along with enslaved Africans, whom historians estimate 30% were Muslim, bringing Islamic beliefs and practices, contributing in numerous ways to the founding of our nation including courageous military service in every major war, including the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Muslims have made significant contributions throughout history, including notable achievements in philosophy, mathematics, chemistry, physics, astronomy, medicine, music, architecture, literature, and the arts, as well as philanthropy, humanitarianism, civic responsibility, and culture to enrich the United States socially, economically, and historically: and

WHEREAS, there are nearly three hundred thousand Muslim Americans in New Jersey, representing one of the largest Muslim American communities in the United States, whose contributions help fortify and strengthen the economy and diversity of the people in our state and local communities: and

WHEREAS, The Township of Marlboro supports the rights of our residents from all backgrounds, and strives to work together to eliminate prejudice and bigotry around the world, and

WHEREAS, as a proudly multicultural community, we celebrate the great diversity of all our citizens and extend the promise of our country to all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Jonathan L. Hornik, on behalf of the Town Council and Residents of Marlboro, do hereby recognize, within the boundaries of Marlboro Township, the month of January as Muslim Heritage Month.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan L. Hornik".

Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor
Township of Marlboro
January 2024