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Community and media Statement

The commencement of Ramadan for 2021

Friday 9 April 2021

Ramadan is the triumph of the spirit over the body, as we deny our bodily needs from dawn to sunset in sincere love and devotion to Allah, we begin to understand that we, as humans are much more than the physical body.

“Ramadan is the month in which our worldly heaven was blessed with the grace of the Qur’an to be revealed to our beloved prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, over a period of 23 years. Allah, The Almighty, declares that the Qur’an is a source of clear guidance for humanity and a criterion of distinction. The Holy Qur’an carries a strong reminder of our spiritual dimension. On this special occasion of Ramadan, I pray for everyone a safe, happy and blessed Ramadan; Ramadan Mubarak to all. In Arabic, quite often, we convey the greeting ‘Ramadan Kareem’, Ramadan is the month of generosity, this generosity exists in every aspect, especially generosity of spirit, kindness and spread of goodwill.” Said Imam Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari, National Grand Mufti of Australia

“I pray that Ramadan will be a season of devotion in obedience and love of Allah that will raise us to the highest of spirituality.” Said Imam Riad El Rifai

In respecting the diverse views, ANSB puts a case for Ramadan commencing on the 13th based on astronomic figures verifying the possibly of sighting the crescent on the day before due to a small 19-minute window when the crescent may be visible after sunset.

“In working to unite the community, AFIC asks that we all respect the differing views concerning the start of Ramadan. We know that some in our community rushed to declare Ramadan as starting on Tuesday 13th, others will start on Wednesday 14th and some might even have a different date based on their conviction of a confirmed naked-eye sighting of the new crescent. AFIC, ANSB and Australian Dar Al-Iftaa respects all views and interpretations and wishes all a happy and blessed Ramadan.” Said the AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

“As National Grand Mufti of Australia, I declare the start of Ramadan on Tuesday 13th April 2021, Ramadan Mubarak to all”. Said Imam Azhari.

Authorised by Imam Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari

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