

To: Senate Committee on Government Affairs

Subj: Please Oppose AB278 – Observance of Muslim Heritage Month

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Dear Senate Committee on Government Affairs:

Although our nation was founded on religious freedom, the plan was for immigrants to assimilate and become United States citizens. The fact that we are still promoting cultural division through events such as "Muslim month" is not consistent with the intent of the Constitution to have immigrants assimilate.

In addition, the goal of Islam is to enforce Sharia Law. We can live together as a nation of immigrants and respect one another, but please stop promoting the heritage of other cultures, which promotes divisiveness. A few quotes from the Qur'an:

(3:56) - "As to those who reject faith, I will punish them with terrible agony in this world and in the Hereafter, nor will they have anyone to help."

(4:34) – But those wives from whom you fear arrogance – first advise them, then if they persist forsake them in bed; and finally, strike (also translated as “hit”) them.

(8:12) - "I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them"

(9:5) - "So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters (also translated as Infidels, Pagans, non-believers) wherever you find them, and take them captive and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them."

(9:29) - "Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

(9:73) - "O Prophet! strive hard against the unbelievers and the hypocrites and be unyielding to them; and their abode is hell, and evil is the destination."

(17:16) - "And when We wish to destroy a town, We send Our commandment to the people of it who lead easy lives, but they transgress therein; thus the word proves true against it, so We destroy it with utter destruction."

We are all Americans. Please stop dividing us. Celebrate all citizens as Americans. Let us celebrate the history of our country and our Veterans, but there is no need to dedicate a month to ANY race, ethnicity, or gender.

Please vote NO on AB278.

Respectfully

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