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## Ramadan and Eid UI-Fitr festival

## Year, 1445 - 2024 Announcement

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To whom it may Concern,

Masjid Bilal (The Muslim Society of Jersey Shore) recognizes astronomical calculation as an acceptable Shar'i (Islamic Law) method for determining the beginning of Lunar months including the months of Ramadan and Shawal, using the criteria of,

- Tri-states Imams Council.
- Figh Council of North America.
- European Council of Fatwa and Research.

Based on that the dates of Ramadan and Eid ul-Fitr for the year 1445 AH are established as follows:

Ramadan Starting: on Monday, March 11, 2024. Eid UI-Fitr Festival is on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Therefore, we respectfully request officials at the state, federal, educational institutions, and other businesses to recognize Eid UI-Fitr as a national Muslim holiday and accommodate Muslim individuals accordingly.

## **Educational Institutes,**

Please ensure that students who do not attend school on Eid UI-Fitr Holiday (Religious Holiday) day are not marked as absent.

We and a growing number of Muslim countries and organizations are following Scholars who rely on astronomical calculation in proving the crescent, to Narrow the disagreement in the crescents that in some years reached three days results of relying on the visual Moon eyesight method.

Muslim children's students and working families need to have a scheduled known holiday to glorify the ritual of the Eid festival. as well as arrange their vacations.

Congratulation to all Muslims and the world with the blessed month of Ramadan, asking Allah Almighty to bless the world and end all wars, Ameen.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

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