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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, KHAN, DAWKINS, WAXMAN, GIRAL, HOHENSTEIN,  
BRENNAN, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, N. NELSON, MADDEN, PARKER,  
SANCHEZ, McNEILL AND DELLOSO, OCTOBER 16, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 16, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the annual designation and holiday observance of  
2 the first day of the Islamic lunar month of Shawwal as Eid  
3 al-Fitr Day in this Commonwealth.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Legislative findings.

7 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

8 (1) Known as the Festival of Breaking the Fast,  
9 approximately 2,000,000,000 Muslims around the world  
10 celebrate Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of the holy month of  
11 Ramadan.

12 (2) The date of Eid al-Fitr is determined by the  
13 sighting of the crescent moon to mark the beginning of the  
14 new lunar month of Shawwal.

15 (3) Eid al-Fitr includes two to three days of  
16 celebrations and it begins with a special prayer service at  
17 the mosque.

18 (4) Eid al-Fitr is also a time for Muslims to perform

1 acts of charity and to forgive and seek forgiveness.

2 (5) Many Pennsylvanians celebrate Eid al-Fitr, and this  
3 important holiday deserves official recognition.

4 Section 2. Designation.

5 In accordance with Islamic religious law and tradition, the  
6 first day of the Islamic lunar month of Shawwal shall be  
7 designated Eid al-Fitr Day in this Commonwealth.

8 Section 3. Construction.

9 Nothing in this act shall be construed as requiring an  
10 employer to treat Eid al-Fitr Day as a legal or official holiday  
11 or to provide paid leave to an employee on Eid al-Fitr Day  
12 solely by virtue of the date being designated under this act.

13 Section 4. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect immediately.