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“In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful”

Statement Regarding the Commencement of The Holy Month of Ramadan 1441H - 2020

All Praise is due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the seal of all the prophets and messengers.

Following extensive consultations with the Imams from the Australian Fatwa council, the Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad wishes to make the following statement regarding the Holy Month of Ramadan 1441H - 2020 for all the Australian states and territories:

Firstly: The sun will set on Thursday the 23rd of April at 5.22pm (Sydney local time) and the moon will appear on the same day after sunset for 19 minutes until 5.41pm where it will disappear thereafter from the Horizon. In the city of Perth, Western Australia, the sun will set on Thursday at 5.46pm (Perth local time) and the moon will appear on the same day after sunset for 22 minutes until 6.08pm where it will disappear thereafter from the Horizon. This allows for ample time to sight the moon under normal conditions with the absence of all that hinders the moon from being sighted.

Therefore:

**The Holy Month of Ramadan for this year (1441H - 2020) will commence on:
Friday, 24th of April 2020**

And the first night of the Holy Month of Ramadan and Taraweeh Prayer will be on

Thursday, 23rd of April 2020 after Sunset

Secondly: The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad, and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council and the Australian Fatwa Council acknowledge, understand and respect the Imams and scholars who may hold a different opinion.

Finally: The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad and the Australian National Imams Council call upon all Muslims to preserve their fasting whilst supplicating to Allah to lift the pandemic, protect our countries and spread peace and security all around the world.

May Allah bless this holy month for you, your family, the Australian Muslim Community and the Entire Muslim World and may your worship and fasting be accepted this year. AMEEN

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