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Maryland General Assembly

To Whom it May Concern:

I write in support of HB0899 to recognize Muslim and Jewish Heritage Months.

I am a citizen of Carroll County, Maryland. I am a 1L (first year law student) at the University of Baltimore School of Law, Law Clerk at the Carroll County Office of the Public Defender, and Adjunct Instructor of Law at Stevenson University. But, importantly, I am a Muslim.

Recognition of Muslim Heritage is important to not only Muslim citizens, but also to non-Muslims in Maryland. Muslims are responsible for several inventions that have changed the world. The Father of Algebra, Al-Khwarizmi, published a book called "Al Jabr." Students to this day still learn principles from Al-Khwarizmi.

Even today, there are many Muslims that are benefitting the state of Maryland. There are many Muslim doctors, professors, lawyers, politicians, and other professionals.

Dedicating a month to Muslim Heritage will honor Maryland's Muslim community and highlight its contributions to global progress.

I ask that the Maryland General Assembly pass HB0899 to recognize Muslim and Jewish Heritage Months.

Thank you,

Ahad Khan