





"In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful"

## **Eid Al-Fitr 1439AH-2018 Announcement**

All praise is due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet Muhammad.

We thank Allah (SWT) for giving us the ability to fast the Month of Ramadan, the ability to worship him, and the ability to fulfil our religious and worldly obligations.

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Sheikh Abdul Azim Al-Afifi, and the Australian National Imams Council, wish to make the following statement regarding the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan 1439H -2018, and the Day of Eid El-Fitr:

## Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 will be the last day of the Month of Ramadan for the year 1439AH and Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 will be the first day of Shawaal, and hence, the first day of Eid Al-Fitr.

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Sheikh Abdul Azim Al-Afifi, and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, acknowledge the different opinions amongst the scholars on this topic, and recognise that not all Imams and schools of thought agree on the methodology used in determining the beginning and the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan, including prominent member Imams from the Australian National Imams Council, and its executive committee members. It is therefore, the Australian National Imams Council's, and the Grand Mufti of Australia's call upon all Muslims to respect these differences by avoiding debates that lead to disagreements and misunderstanding amongst the Muslims, and to focus on the potential unity amongst the community, and what brings them closer to Allah, The Almighty.

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Sheikh Abdul Azim Al-Afifi, and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, wish the Muslim community a happy and a joyful Eid, and encourage the Muslim community to engage with their fellow neighbours and friends in displaying the true and peaceful image of Islam, and the true spirit of being an Australian Muslim.

May Allah accept your fasting and worship in the Month of Ramadan

تقبل الله طاعتكم وكل عام وأنتم بخير

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Sheikh Abdul Azim Al-Afifi The Grand Mufti of Australia

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