

مجلس ائمة الفدائيين الاستراليين

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL**



## **Statement Regarding the Holy Month of Ramadan 1438H - 2017**

In the name of Allah, the most gracious and the most merciful.

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

Following extensive consultations with nation-wide Islamic leaders in Australia and their representatives, the Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohammed and the Australian National Imams Council wish to make the following statements regarding the Muslim community:

**The beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan for this year, 1438H - 2017,**

**Will begin on Saturday 27th of May 2017.**

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohammed and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, acknowledge the different opinions amongst the scholars on this topic and call upon all Muslims to respect this disagreement by avoiding debates that lead to disagreements and misunderstanding amongst the Muslims and to focus on the potential unity amongst the community .

The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohammed and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, emphasise the importance of confirming the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan to avoid the nullification of fasting.

Islam stresses the importance of promoting cultural and societal pluralism. As such, it is highly encouraged to invite non-Muslim families to join Muslims in the act of breaking their fast.

The Grand Mufti of Australia and the Australian National Imams Council call upon all Muslims to preserve their fasting while considering their brothers and sisters facing adversity around the world. Finally, do not forget to keep your brothers and sisters in your prayers, asking Allah to end their wars, to grant them peace and security in their countries, our country Australia and all around the world.

May Allah bless this holy month for you and your family and may your worship and fasting be accepted this year .

The Grand Mufti of Australia

Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohammed

Dated: 24th of May 2017