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Governor Newsom Signs AB 2017, Recognizing Eid in California Law

The California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs today celebrated Governor Gavin Newsom's signing of [Assembly Bill 2017](#), authored by [Assemblymember Matt Haney](#), which recognizes Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as state holidays in California law.

For millions of Muslims worldwide, Eid centers on family, reflection, generosity, and gathering. In California, Muslim families have built their lives, raised their children, opened businesses, and contributed to neighborhoods across the state. Yet many students and workers still have to navigate school and work schedules that do not account for two of the most important days on their calendar.

"California's laws should reflect the people who call this state home," said [Commissioner Zain Yahya](#). "For a student, this can mean being able to celebrate Eid with their family without feeling like they are falling behind at school. For a public employee, this can mean having a practical way to observe a day that matters deeply to their family."

Assembly Bill 2017 adds Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha to California's list of recognized state holidays while preserving local control over school and workplace schedules. Public schools and community colleges may close for Eid through locally negotiated agreements, and the legislation gives covered public employees additional options to observe the holidays using existing leave or holiday credit.

"California is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Muslim communities in the country, and their traditions deserve recognition and respect," said [Assemblymember Matt Haney](#). "With AB 2017 now signed into law, California

is sending a clear message that Muslim Californians are seen and valued. No student or worker should have to choose between observing their faith and meeting their responsibilities. Recognizing Eid in state law is an important step toward ensuring every Californian can celebrate their holidays with their families without being forced to make unnecessary sacrifices. I'm grateful to the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs, the Muslim Impact Council, and CAIR-CA for their partnership in helping make this law a reality."

The Commission sponsored Assembly Bill 2017 alongside the [Council on American-Islamic Relations California](#) and the [Muslim Impact Council](#).

"The Commission is grateful to Assemblymember Matt Haney for working closely with Muslim Californians and our partner organizations to move this legislation from an idea into law," said [Commissioner Tahra Goraya](#). "This bill does not ask Californians to share the same faith or traditions. It recognizes that in a state as large and diverse as ours, the government can make reasonable accommodations so families are not forced to choose between observing an important cultural and religious holiday and meeting their responsibilities at school or work."

The signing of Assembly Bill 2017 builds on California's recognition of culturally significant observances and gives local schools, colleges, and public workplaces a clearer framework for accommodating Eid.

"AB 2017 reflects the Commission's shared commitment to a California where our public institutions recognize and respect the communities they serve," said [Commission Chair Jason Paguio](#). "By formally recognizing Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, our state affirms the cultural significance of these observances while giving schools and public workplaces practical tools to support those who celebrate them."

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