



Tuesday, Sha'ban 29, 1447 / February 17th, 2026

بَيَانُ لَجْنَةِ الْأَهْلِةِ بِمِنْطَقَةِ هَيْوَسْتَنْ الْكُبْرَى فِي مَنْظَمَةِ آيِ إِيْسِ جِي إِيْجِ (ISGH)  
DECLARATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN 1447/2026

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, his companions, and all who follow them. To proceed:

The Moon-Sighting Committee of Greater Houston extends to the Houston Muslim community—and, through them, to the entire Ummah—its warmest greetings on the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadan. The Committee hereby announces the following:

- Tomorrow, Wednesday, February 18, 2026, will be the first day of the blessed month of Ramadan 1447.
- We ask Allah to return this month upon the entire Ummah with goodness, blessings, success, and elevation.

This determination is based on the valid confirmation of the new month in numerous Muslim countries (approximately ten), provided that the sighting is astronomically possible in those locations.

The Committee has adopted, in its methodology for establishing the beginning of lunar months, the position held by the majority of scholars: “differences in moon-sighting horizons (ikhtilāf al-maṭāli‘) are not considered”. Thus, whenever the crescent is sighted in any country globally, fasting becomes obligatory for all Muslims who share any part of the night with that location.

The Committee also affirms that the question of whether or not to consider differences in horizons is, at its core, a matter of scholarly interpretation (ijtihād). Therefore, the approach that best preserves unity and serves the greater benefit should be followed. For this reason, the Committee extends full respect and understanding to those who follow a different opinion. May Allah accept from us and from you all righteous deeds. Wishing you a blessed year ahead. Ramadan Mubarak!

Unanimously agreed upon by all the members of the Houston Moon Sighting Committee.

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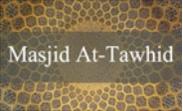


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