

Senate Resolution 899

By: Senators Parkes of the 7th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Mangham of the 55th, Wicks of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Shia Ismaili Muslim Community and commemorating the
2 month of Ramadan and Navroz; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's strength lies in the contributions of various communities that call our
4 state home, enriching our economy, culture, and civic life; and

5 WHEREAS, on March 21, 2026, constituents across Georgia, including the local Ismaili
6 Muslim Community, will join communities worldwide in celebrating Navroz, marking the
7 Persian New Year, the spring equinox, and a celebration of renewal, hope, and new
8 beginnings that reflects the optimism and forward-looking spirit of our great state; and

9 WHEREAS, the global Muslim community is currently observing the sacred month of
10 Ramadan, a time of reflection and spiritual growth during which the Holy Quran was first
11 revealed; and

12 WHEREAS, Ramadan's emphasis on charity, service, self-discipline, and care for the less
13 fortunate mirrors the values of compassion and community service that have long defined
14 the character of Georgia and its people; and

15 WHEREAS, the Shia Ismaili Muslim community comprises approximately 15 million
16 individuals across 35 countries under the spiritual leadership of His Highness Prince Rahim
17 Aga Khan V, the 50th hereditary Imam of the global Ismaili community, whose Imam
18 continues an unbroken chain of spiritual leadership spanning over 1,400 years, now carried
19 forward into a new and promising chapter; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to a thriving Ismaili community whose members are our
21 neighbors, business owners, educators, healthcare providers, professionals, students, and
22 engaged citizens who strengthen our workforce, support economic development, spur
23 innovation, create jobs, celebrate the arts, serve as leaders on various nonprofit boards, and
24 invest in Georgia's future prosperity; and

25 WHEREAS, Ismaili CIVIC, the community's voluntary service organization, partners with
26 Georgia institutions, including the American Red Cross of Georgia, the Atlanta Community
27 Food Bank, Lions Lighthouse Foundation, United Way of Greater Atlanta, Hands on Atlanta,
28 Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, and many more.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend the Shia Ismaili Muslim Community for their contributions to the
31 State of Georgia and the global community as well as commemorate the month of Ramadan
32 and Navroz.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
35 press.