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Ramadan

On behalf of the American people, I want to extend our best wishes to Muslims in Uganda on the occasion of Ramadan. *Ramadan Kareem.*

Ramadan is a time when Muslims around the world reflect upon the wisdom and guidance that comes with faith. It's a time when families and friends gather and when meals are shared. Ramadan offers a promise of renewal and hope for the world, while also serving as an occasion for personal reflection and intense devotion.

During this holy month, Muslims around the world provide support to others, and in doing so, remind us that the peaceful and prosperous future we hope to build together for Uganda must begin in our own hearts and our own communities. In America, our Muslim community celebrates Ramadan in the same way as their brothers and sisters elsewhere in the Muslim world. America's Muslims have made extraordinary contributions to our country and Islam has long been part of America's tradition of faith. Strikingly, and its emphasis on equality and diversity, Islam reflects core values that have shaped American society.

Therefore, in the spirit of brotherhood reflected by our shared values, permit me to wish you, your families and your friends a time of peace and renewal as you welcome the beginning of Ramadan.

May God's peace be upon you.