
Pennacchio Bill to Establish Muslim Heritage Month in NJ Advances

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January of each year would be designated as Muslim Heritage Month under legislation sponsored by Senator Joe Pennacchio and advanced today by the New Jersey Senate.



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"I am extremely pleased that this was approved by the Senate today and I would like to thank Senator Stack for joining me in sponsoring this legislation," said Pennacchio (R-26). "There are nearly 300,000 Muslim Americans in New Jersey, including numerous current and former elected officials dedicated to public service in their communities. It is long past time to recognize our Muslim brothers and sisters for their contributions to the diverse fabric of New Jersey."

With the joint resolution, [SJR-105](#), Pennacchio seeks to elevate awareness and appreciation of the Muslim American community and their accomplishments in New Jersey.

The 3.45 million Muslims in the United States represent diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, including immigrants and native-born Americans, and comprise approximately 1.1% of the nation's population.

Muslims are the world's second largest religious group, with 1.9 billion adherents representing

approximately 25 percent of the world's population. Significant Muslim achievements helped shape our world, including notable milestones in philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, medicine, architecture, music, literature, and the arts.