

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing February 1, 2026, as World Hijab Day

The people of Columbia Heights, who come from a variety of backgrounds are united in certain foundational beliefs such as affirming the inherent dignity of all people, the right of every person to be treated with respect, and the right of all citizens to practice their religion freely.

The Hijab, a traditional veil which covers a woman's hair, neck and chest, has been very important to the history of Islam; it is meant to promote dignity and respect for women while maintaining modesty and respect for religious faith.

World Hijab Day was started by Nazma Khan, a resident of NJ, as a day set aside for women of different cultures, who do not normally wear the Hijab, to experience wearing one for the day; its purpose is to encourage religious tolerance, cultural understanding and international solidarity.

On February 1, 2013, the world celebrated its first annual World Hijab Day in recognition of millions of Muslim women who choose to wear the Hijab and live a life of religious faith.

To combat prejudice, leaders in the American Muslim community are working tirelessly to show that the wearing of the Hijab is a choice, a freedom, and a blessing, as well as to educate their fellow citizens about Islam in ways which are relevant and meaningful.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim and recognize February 1, 2026, as **World Hijab Day** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
January 26, 2026