



Assemblymember
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wishes all who celebrate a
Ramadan Mubarak

Muslims around the world celebrate **Ramadan**, a holy and spiritual holiday, which lasts one month. This year, the holiday begins today, **April 12**.

During Ramadan, observant muslims **fast** between dawn and sunset¹. This is a way for them to show devotion and come closer to **Allah**, or God. Fasting is one of the **Five Pillars** of Islam. The other pillars are **faith, prayer, charity** and making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca (**hajj**).

Ramadan is also a time for **spiritual reflection, prayer**, doing **good deeds** and spending time with **family and friends**.

*Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn
wishes you peace and blessings this
Ramadan.*

*May you find hope and strength
through your fast and prayer.*

1) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/23286976>

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)**, and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education, Banks, Health, and Higher Education**. She is also a member of the **Task Force on Women's Issues** and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force**.