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As a Christian pastor, I am heartened to hear that we have the opportunity to recognize non-Christian holidays on the state level. I feel fortunate to have my most important religious holidays recognized, and for people who celebrate them to have the opportunity to have time off. As someone who works hard to love my neighbors, this means hoping my Muslim neighbors have the same treatment as I do. This act is valuable and helps make all Mainers a little more equal.

I hope that you will vote yes on An Act to Recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as State Holidays.