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Detailed answer

The scholars are unanimously agreed that fasting the month of Ramadaan was enjoined in Sha'baan 2 AH, and that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) fasted nine Ramadaans, because he (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) died in Rabee' al-Awwal 11 AH.

It says in al-Insaaf:

Fasting Ramadaan was enjoined in 2 AH according to scholarly consensus. The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) fasted nine Ramadaans according to scholarly consensus.

Al-Nawawi said in al-Majmoo':

The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) fasted Ramadaan for nine years, because it was enjoined in Sha'baan 2 AH, and the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) died in Rabee' al-Awwal 11 AH.

See also Majmoo' Fataawa by Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah, 2/20.