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Arab American Heritage Month proclamation

PROCLAMATION

National Arab American Heritage Month
April 2021

WHEREAS, For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and

WHEREAS, Since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, They brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, The history of Arab Americans in the U.S. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, They join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor, declare April 2021, to be

National Arab American Heritage Month in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We celebrate the contributions Arab Americans have made to society and in helping to build a better nation. We encourage our citizens to join us in this special observance.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 19th day of April 2021

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor