

municipalities across the nation in celebrating ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, whereby we celebrate the contributions Arab Americans have made to society, and

WHEREAS:

The City of Yonkers is deeply enriched by the diversity of its residents and we are proud to be the home of to a large Arab American population, which has played an essential role in shaping, advancing and enriching our City, and

WHEREAS:

Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to all areas of life in Yonkers, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, law enforcement, as well as education and the military, and

WHEREAS:

Arab Americans brought to America resilient family values, a strong work ethic, and diversity in faith and creed that have strengthened our City and they have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while setting examples as model citizens and public servants, and

WHEREAS:

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH is an opportunity to celebrate the residents of our City who are of Arab American descent and remain a great source of pride and vibrancy in our City, whose abilities and contributions strengthen our economy, enrich our diverse culture, as well as invigorating our many neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS:

The City of Yonkers is proud to designate the month of April as ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH and recognize the contributions, sacrifices and accomplishments that Arab Americans have made to our City and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers. New York do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 to be:

## ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Yonkers and I call upon all the residents of our City to join with me in supporting all our efforts to care for our trees and the environment and in recognizing the importance of trees in our daily lives for the present and future generations of residents of our

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, this 26th day of April 2019.

MIKE SPANO MAYOR