

PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor The City of Dayton, Ohio

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have made critical contributions to many aspects of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors, friends, and communities across the state and country; and

WHEREAS, for the last century and even before, many Arab American immigrants have settled in Dayton, and have made many contributions to our city and our region; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans bring a legacy of strong families, a strong work ethic, dedication to education, and a diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by fully taking part in the entrepreneurial American spirit, creating jobs and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans share the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society in the United States, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe and able to pursue life, liberty and happiness; and

WHEREAS, as a city that welcomes immigrants and values diversity, we are proud to celebrate and honor the contributions and heritage of Arab Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nan Whaley, Mayor of the City of Dayton, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019 as

Arab American Heritage Month

in Dayton



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dayton to be affixed this 30th day of March, 2019.

Nan Whaley
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Mayor