



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for over a millennia, the Arab world has made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, art, culture; and

WHEREAS, since emigrating to the United States, 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, Arab-Americans have historically encountered and continue to face prejudices such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying that must be addressed through education and awareness; and

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

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation;

*Now, Therefore, Do I, Jorge O. Elorza,
Mayor of the City of Providence,
Hereby Proclaim April 2019*

National Arab-American Heritage Month

in the City of Providence, encouraging the people of Providence to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



MAYOR JORGE O. ELORZA

