



National Arab American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society such as 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 and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants. 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 bolsters the economy and the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped to build a better nation; and,

WHEREAS, Arab Americans continue to advocate for the prevention of civil rights abuse, harmful stereotyping and bullying and join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and,

WHEREAS, during the month of April, the local Arab community will observe and celebrate **National Arab American Heritage Month**. The City of Houston celebrates the contributions Arab Americans have made to society and encourages all citizens to join in the special observance of **National Arab American Heritage Month**.

THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim April 2019, as

National Arab American Heritage Month

in Houston, Texas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2019.

Sylvester Turner
Mayor of the City of Houston

