

# City of Pawtucket

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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*resolved,*

**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 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; and

**WHEREAS,** people of Arab descent 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 American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combatted 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL, AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR ALBERT J. VITALI, JR., DOES HEREBY CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS ARAB AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO SOCIETY, AND DOES HEREBY DECLARE APRIL 2019, TO BE**

### **NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGES OUR CITIZENS, EMPLOYEES, AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY TO JOIN IN THIS SPECIAL OBSERVANCE.**

