



## Proclamation Recognizing April 2019 as National Arab American Heritage Month

**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, 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**, 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**, the history of Arab Americans in the U.S. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combatted in the forms of education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, they 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**, we announce that Canton Township celebrates the contributions Arab Americans have made to society, and does hereby declare April 2019 to be National Arab American Heritage Month in Canton. We encourage our community to join us in this special observance.

Pat Williams, Canton Township Supervisor

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