



Presented by

*The Mayor and Members
of the
City Council
of the
City of Alexandria, Virginia*

PROCLAMATION

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 American in the United States 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, THEREOFRE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby announce the we 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 Alexandria. We encourage our citizens, employees, and the larger community to join us in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2019.

Justin M. Wilson
MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON
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On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:
Gloria A. Sitton
Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

