



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The Lucas County Commissioners are proud of the cultural diversity of its residents and the contributions and essential role that the local Arab American community has played in shaping, advancing, and enriching our region; and
- WHEREAS,** For over a century, the Arab American community has made valuable contributions to all areas of life in Lucas County, including government, business, arts and sciences, education, law enforcement, medicine, technology, and public service; and
- WHEREAS,** Welcome Toledo-Lucas County, an initiative housed in the Board of Lucas County Commissioners in partnership with LISC Toledo, is working to build a more welcoming and inclusive community for immigrants, refugees, and people of diverse cultures that supports a vibrant, civic, economic, and social fabric for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Welcome Toledo-Lucas County is proud to partner with community member Linda Mansour to sponsor the Wishah Palestinian Dance Troupe for their performance of *Freedom of the Horses* on April 5 in the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University; and
- WHEREAS,** Arab American Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate Arab Americans, who are a great source of pride and vibrancy in the community and whose abilities and contributions strengthen the area's diverse culture and invigorates Lucas County;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** The Board of Lucas County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio does hereby recognize April 2019 as **Arab American Heritage Month** and calls on all of our residents to celebrate the contributions to cultural diversity, economic growth, and the overall development that Arab Americans have made to Lucas County.

Tina Skeldon Wozniak, President

Pete Gerken, Commissioner

Gary L. Byers, Commissioner