Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARAB AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Whereas, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS WHO PERFORM EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY, AND IT IS THE CUSTOM OF THIS GREAT STATE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THAT OUTSTANDING SERVICE; AND

Whereas, FOR OVER A CENTURY, **ARAB AMERICANS** HAVE BEEN MAKING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF AMERICAN SOCIETY: MEDICINE, LAW, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, AND CULTURE; AND

Whereas, SINCE MIGRATING TO AMERICA, THOSE OF ARAB DESCENT HAVE BROUGHT THEIR FAMILY VALUES, STRONG WORK ETHIC, DEDICATION TO EDUCATION, AND DIVERSITY IN FAITH AND CREED THAT HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR GREAT DEMOCRACY, AND FURTHERMORE, **ARAB AMERICANS** HAVE ALSO ENRICHED OUR SOCIETY BY SHARING IN THE ENTREPRENEURIAL AMERICAN SPIRIT THAT MAKES OUR NATION FREE AND PROSPEROUS; AND

Whereas, THE ORGANIZATION **ARAB AMERICA** IS THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF DIGITAL MEDIA, CONNECTING ARAB AND NON-ARAB AMERICANS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WITH CLOSE TO FOUR MILLION **ARAB AMERICANS** IN THE U.S., THIS ASSOCIATION HAS A MISSION TO DISSEMINATE ACCURATE INFORMATION, NEWS, EVENTS, HERITAGE, HIGH ACHIEVERS, LANGUAGE, FOOD, AND OTHER CULTURAL CONTENT; AND

Whereas, MOREOVER, **ARAB AMERICA'S** PRIMARY GOAL IS TO BECOME A "BRIDGE," BRINGING TOGETHER DIVERSE **ARAB AMERICAN** COMMUNITIES AND HELPING THEM BECOME BETTER UNDERSTOOD BY OTHER GROUPS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND THANKS TO NETWORKS LIKE THIS ONE, **ARAB AMERICANS** HAVE HELPED US BUILD A BETTER NATION; AND

Whereas, **ARAB AMERICA** WILL BE CELEBRATING *NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH* ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019**; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved, THAT I, STATE SENATOR AND SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS, RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ARAB COMMUNITY AND JOIN WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE 35TH DISTRICT TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

DATED: APRIL 30, 2019

In Witness Whereof,

I Have Set My Hand and Signature

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

New York State Senate