



# A Proclamation

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**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 the United States of 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**, upon coming to United States of America, they brought with them 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

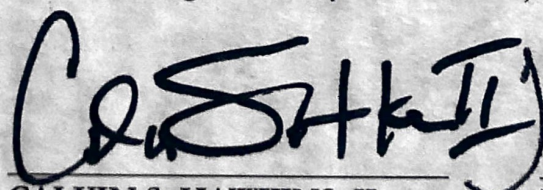
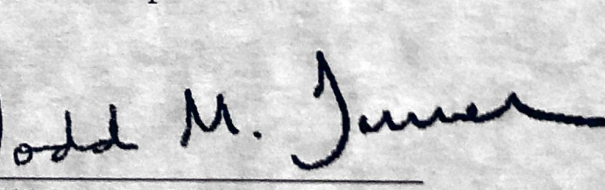
**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

**WHEREAS**, in the history of Arab Americans in the United States remain 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 abuse, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combatted in the forms of 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 the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Proclaimed by the Prince George's County Council that the month of April 2019, is declared "**Arab Americans Heritage Month**" in Prince George's County. **FURTHER**, all citizens of Prince George's County are asked to join in this special observance.

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