



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:** 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 combated 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, I, Mayor Joseph M. Petty, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

In the City of Worcester and encourage all residents to recognize Arab Americans contribution to society and participate in its observance.

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Joseph M. Petty
Mayor

