



APPROVED
MAY 14 2022
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Arab American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate contributions to society made by Arab Americans, which have occurred in virtually every aspect of American society, including: medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans trace their ancestry to one of 22 Arabic-speaking countries that stretch across Northern Africa and into Western Asia; and

WHEREAS, a shared linguist connection links the Arab American community, which is composed of incredibly diverse religious and racial identities; and

WHEREAS, Arabs have a long history in North America, dating back to as early as the 1600s; and

WHEREAS, California is home to the largest Arab American population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Arab American heritage was first recognized nationally with "National Arab-American Day" in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Arab discrimination continues to be a significant issue in the post-9/11 world, and Arab Americans' lived experiences of racism and struggles for social justice have shaped their communal and political identities; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara strives to serve its Creator, the local community, and humanity at-large by embodying and instilling values of duty, learning, integrity, humility, service, self-expression, belonging, and contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara carries out public outreach activities to provide religious, recreational, and educational facilities to support the practice of the essence and value of Islam and foster interfaith understanding to fulfill the spiritual, social, and intellectual needs of Muslims and non-Muslims in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara celebrates Arab Americans here and throughout the world and their contributions to all aspects of society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares April as Arab American Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to celebrate the rich culture and many achievements that the Arab American community contributes to our society.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April, 2022.



ATTEST:

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