



Legislation Text

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All Council Members

**Designating the month of April as National Arab American Heritage Month.**

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

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That we announce that the Arab America Foundation celebrates the contributions Arab Americans have made to society and does hereby declare April to be National Arab American Month. We encourage our citizens to join us in this special observance.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: April 18, 2023, as an emergency measure: yeas 11, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger  
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry  
President of Council

Approved:

April 18, 2023  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor