

MOTION: BALDWIN

**April 11, 2024
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 24-05**

SECOND: GINOBA

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL OF 2024 AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to many aspects of American society, from medicine, law, business, and education to technology, government, military service; 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, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Arab American Foundation launched an initiative to formally recognize the achievements of Arab Americans through the celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States Department of State recognized April as National Arab American Heritage Month to reflect on the important contributions of Arab Americans and take note of the importance of diversity and inclusion in the community; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage helps educate and counter misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims that April 2024, will be recognized as Arab American Heritage Month in Prince William County. We encourage our residents to join in this special observance and celebration of the culture and achievements of the Arab American community in Prince William County and throughout the nation.

Votes:

Ayes: Johnston, BruMar, Ginoba, Porter, Baldwin, Pratter

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Young, Muz, Laos

ATTEST:  _____

Executive Director