



**WHEREAS**, April is National Arab American Heritage Month, and the 2025 theme is, *"Arab American Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,"* and

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Debbie Dingle of Michigan, with the help of several Arab American organizing groups, issued a resolution in 2017 recognizing April as **National Arab American Heritage Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 3.5 million Arab Americans that live in the United States, who trace their ancestry to over 22 countries from North Africa to the Arabian Gulf, and places including, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Sudan and other; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Marylanders of Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1908, and is among the fastest growing Arab populations in the Country; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans take an active role within the Rockville community, and April helps to spotlight and allow them to celebrate this connection in a way that brings together that represent home, heritage, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Maryland share with other states including California, Michigan, and Virginia, sharing in the rich culture and diversity of all Arab American communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland do proclaim **April 2025**, as **National Arab American Heritage Month** and encourage all residents to acknowledge, embrace and celebrate Arab Americans!



  
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