



Proclamation Recognizing National Arab American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the National Arab American Heritage Month is recognized in April and is a time for celebrating the history, contributions, and cultures of Arab Americans; and

WHEREAS, Arab American communities have played an important role in shaping, advancing, and enriching the fabric of our nation and Albemarle County by making immense contributions to all areas of life, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, law enforcement, technology, and the military; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the U.S. has been neglected or defaced by misconceptions, harmful stereotyping; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby honor and recognize Arab American Heritage Month and continue to affirm our commitment to equity and inclusion in Albemarle County.

Signed this 3rd day of April 2024.

Jim H. Andrews, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors