

## Proclamation Celebrating 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 US. 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of

Supervisors, do hereby recognize and honor Arab American Heritage Month and continue to affirm our commitment to equity and inclusion in Albemarle

County.

Signed this 5th day of April 2023

Donna Price, Chair Albemarle Board of County Supervisors