

Proclamation Celebrating 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 the diverse population of Arab Americans; and
- WHEREAS, Arab American men and women have played an important role in shaping, advancing, and enriching the fabric of Albemarle County and our nation by making immense contributions to all areas of life including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, law enforcement, technology, and the military; and
- **WHEREAS,** Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combatted in the forms of education and awareness; 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 RESOLVED,** that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, honor and celebrate Arab American Heritage Month and continue to affirm our commitment to an inclusive Albemarle County.

Signed this 21st day of April 2021.

Ned Gallaway, Chair Albemarle Board of County Supervisors