

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, DESIGNATING APRIL ANNUALLY AS
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, The National Arab American Heritage Month initiative, launched in 2017 by Arab America and the Arab America Foundation, has gained significant momentum. Last year, this grassroots initiative comprised of over 250 Arab American volunteers in 26 states, secured 144 proclamations from states, counties, municipalities, and local school districts; and

WHEREAS, throughout April, National Arab American Heritage Month acknowledges and celebrates the accomplishments of Arab Americans and

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture.

WHEREAS, since immigrating 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.

WHEREAS, Arab Americans brought resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy. Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes the nation prosperous and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates fellow Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and prejudices. 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 RESOLVED, that the City Council of the city of Madison Heights hereby designates the month of April, annually, as Arab American Heritage Month in the city of Madison Heights in recognition of and appreciation for the rich legacy and significant contributions made by the Arab American community.

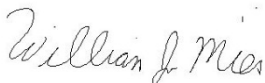
This Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Madison Heights City Council held on the 8th day of April, 2024.



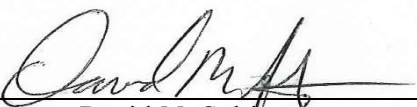
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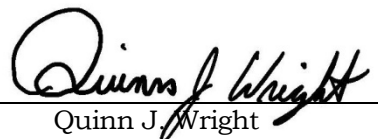
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