

Proclamation

Celebrating April 2023 as Arab American Heritage Month

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

Whereas, since migrating to America, individuals 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; and

Whereas they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

Whereas, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

Whereas, the contributions of Arab Americans in the US often can be neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

Whereas, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying mst be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

Whereas, they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

Whereas, the incredible contribution and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

Now, therefore, the City of Salida does hereby proclaim and declare the month of April as Arab American Heritage Month in Salida, Colorado and further encourages all Salidans to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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Mayor Dan Shore