

## Proclamation

### Celebrating April 2024 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