

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

Reps. Hammoud, Aiyash, Rabhi, Breen, Garza, Haadsma, Morse and Sneller offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2021 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, At least 200,000 Arab-Americans reside in the state
4 of Michigan; and

5 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
6 Arab-Americans in the United States; and

7 Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the
8 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the
9 early 1900's in search for a destination that will better provide
10 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

11 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women

1 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with
2 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
3 citizens and public servants; and

4 Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement
5 on all levels of government are a testament to the power of the
6 Arab-American community; and

7 Whereas, Arab migrants to the United States brought with them
8 their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to
9 education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added
10 strength to our great democracy; and

11 Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community
12 in the fields of academia, business, medicine, science, and social
13 justice continue to make our state a better place to live; and

14 Whereas, The working class population of this community has
15 played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that
16 our state is known for today; and

17 Whereas, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to
18 see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is
19 treated equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare April 2021 as Arab-American Heritage
22 Month in the state of Michigan.