

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

Reps. Hammoud, Aiyash and Rabhi 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.