

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 228

Reps. Farhat, Aiyash and Byrnes offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2024 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, At least 260,000 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, Michigan is proud to celebrate the diverse cultures
8 and traditions of all its residents, and recognizes the essential
9 role played by Arab Americans in the growth and prosperity of the
10 state; and

11 Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the

1 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the
2 1880s in search for a destination that will better provide
3 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

4 Whereas, The Arab-American community has a rich heritage,
5 embodying the traditions and values of their ancestral homelands,
6 and lending their own unique perspectives and innovations to the
7 American experience; and

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

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

14 Whereas, National Arab American Heritage Month was officially
15 recognized by the United States Congress in April of 2005, to honor
16 and celebrate the contributions of Arab-Americans to American
17 society and culture; and

18 Whereas, The people of Michigan are encouraged to participate
19 in events and activities that celebrate and recognize the
20 achievements and contributions of Arab-Americans throughout
21 history, and to cultivate a deeper appreciation for the rich
22 cultural heritage of the Arab-American community; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare April 2024 as Arab-American Heritage
26 Month in the state of Michigan.