

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

Reps. Farhat, Byrnes, Rheingans, Puri, Arbit, Glanville, Hoskins, MacDonell, Paiz, Rogers, Weiss and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2025 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, At least 392,733 Arab-Americans reside in the state
4 of Michigan according to the Arab American Institute; and

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

7 Whereas, Our state 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
12 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the

1 late 1800's in search for a destination that would provide
2 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare April 2025 as Arab-American Heritage
25 Month in the state of Michigan.