

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

Reps. Farhat, Byrnes, Rheingans and Puri 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
13 late 1800's in search for a destination that would provide

1 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

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

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

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

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

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

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