

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** diversity is one of America's greatest strengths and Arab Americans are essential to the fabric of our Nation; and,
- Whereas,** when migrating to the United States, Arab Americans came in search of political, economic, and religious freedom, and brought with them resilient family values, strong work ethics, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed, which have strengthened our great democracy; and,
- Whereas,** the State of California has the highest number of residents of "Arab" ancestry in the United States, and the large number of Arab Americans living in California represent a vital and valued part of the population, making significant contributions to academia, business, medicine, law, technology, government, science, and social justice, and making our state a better place; and,
- Whereas,** Arab Americans join all Americans in their desire for a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and,
- Whereas,** as President Joe Biden stated, "The Arab American community exemplifies so much of what our country stands for: hard work, resilience, compassion, and generosity. In nearly every arena of our society, Arab Americans bring dynamic energy, boundless creativity, and a love of family and neighbors that have always defined who we are as Americans."

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

## Arab American Heritage Month

recognizing the Arab American culture and heritage, and celebrating the continued contributions Arab Americans bring to American society.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

