

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Reps. Farhat, Aiyash, Koleszar, Arbit, Glanville, Conlin, Wegela, Rheingans, Tyrone Carter, O'Neal, Brenda Carter, Pohutsky, Byrnes, Miller, Dievendorf, Hope, Snyder, Mentzer, Price, Martus, Morse, Fitzgerald, Coleman, Outman, Skaggs, Shannon, Andrews, Churches, Liberati, McFall, Tsernoglou, Steckloff, Brixie, Wilson, Breen, McKinney, Haadsma, Neeley, Young, Hill, Paiz, Bierlein, Hood, Hoskins, Rogers, Schuette and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2023 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

1 Whereas, Our state is proud to celebrate the diverse cultures
2 and traditions of all its residents and recognizes the essential
3 role played by Arab-Americans in the growth and prosperity of the
4 state; and

5 Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the
6 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the
7 early 1900's in search for a destination that will better provide
8 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

9 Whereas, The Arab-American community has a rich heritage,
10 embodying the traditions and values of their ancestral homelands,
11 and lending their own unique perspectives and innovations to the
12 American experience; and

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

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

19 Whereas, National Arab-American Heritage Month was officially
20 recognized by the United States Congress in April of 2005, to honor
21 and celebrate the contributions of Arab Americans to American
22 society and culture; and

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

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
29 this legislative body declare April 2023 as Arab-American Heritage

1 Month in the state of Michigan.