

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 228

Reps. Farhat, Aiyash, Byrnes, Breen, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Haadsma, Koleszar, MacDonell, Rheingans, Rogers, Schuette and Weiss 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

1           Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the  
2 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the  
3 1880s in search for a destination that will better provide  
4 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

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

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

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

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

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

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