

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2024

- WHEREAS,** Arab American Heritage Month has been nationally recognized and celebrated since 2023 in acknowledgement of the contributions, achievements, and influence of the estimated 3.7 million Americans in the United States with Arab roots; and
- WHEREAS,** since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting examples of model citizens and public servants; and
- WHEREAS,** they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and
- WHEREAS,** the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates all Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared abuses by other ethnic groups, and
- WHEREAS,** Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and
- WHEREAS,** the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chair Nida Allam, on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

“ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Durham County, North Carolina, and call upon all citizens to observe and celebrate the successes of Arab Americans and to mark this month with appropriate observances honoring endless possibilities of Arab Americans everywhere.

This the 29th day of April 2024.

Nida Allam, Chair

Nimasheena Burns, Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Brenda Howerton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

