

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH | 2025

- WHEREAS,** for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of our community in the United States: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and
- WHEREAS,** since migrating to the United States and Durham County, 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 the United States and Durham County their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial spirit that makes our nation and our county free and prosperous; and
- WHEREAS,** the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates our fellow residents and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared experiences by other ethnic groups, and
- WHEREAS,** they join all residents in the United States and Durham County 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 and county.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

“ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

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

This 14th day of April 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

