

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2026 TO BE
NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; 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 fine 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 our fellow Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared misconceptions by other ethnic groups, and

WHEREAS, they 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Iowa City Community School District recognizes the many contributions of Arab Americans and hereby declares April 2026 as National Arab American Heritage Month in the Iowa City Community School District. We encourage our community to join in this observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON **MARCH 24**, 2026

Board President _____ Date _____

Board Secretary _____ Date _____