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#### Proclaiming April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month

For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture. Since migrating to the U.S., people of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends. Their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith have added strength to our County. The incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a prosperous County.

Across the country, cultural institutions, school districts, municipalities, state legislatures, public servants, and non-profit organizations issue proclamations and engage in special events that celebrate our community's rich heritage and numerous contributions to society. The Arab American Civic Council <u>launched</u> the Arab American Heritage Month initiative in California in 2016. Since then, dozens of cities in California and around the U.S. have recognized April as American Heritage Month. In 2023, the County of Los Angeles also proclaimed April 2023 as Arab American Heritage Month.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2025 as "National Arab American Heritage Month" throughout Los Angeles County and encourage all residents to join in this special recognition.

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