



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including business, culture, education, government, law, medicine, military service, and technology; and

WHEREAS, since immigrating to the United States, people of Arab ancestry have shared their culture and traditions; resilient family values; strong work ethic; dedication to education, public service; and diversity in faith and creed with neighbors and friends, enriching our society and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit and in promoting a free and prosperous nation; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the United States remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the form of crimes and speech; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying, must be combated through thoughtful education, awareness, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally, with dignity, and feels safe; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is honored to count Arab Americans among our population and is proud to recognize the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans in our state and throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2023, as **“ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.