

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN

GOVERNOR

NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

2025

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 the entrepreneurial American spirit in promoting a free and prosperous nation; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the United States remains neglected or undervalued, or filled with misconceptions; and

WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying of Arab Americans 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 and 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, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as "NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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IN WIT LSS WHERE F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.