



# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**2026**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, for more than 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, commitment to 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, undervalued, or misunderstood; 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as “**NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
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**JOSH STEIN**

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 seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.