

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-47

Proclaiming April 2024 as Arab American Heritage Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, the United States is home to more than 3.5 million Arab Americans; and

WHEREAS, the state of California is home to the largest Arab American population in the country with over 700,000 people of Arab American descent in California; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month honors and recognizes the achievements, contributions, heritage, and hopes of Arab Americans; and

WHEREAS, 2024 will mark the 8th year since Arab America and the Arab America Foundation formally launched the National Arab American Heritage Month initiative; and

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business education, tech, culture; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans remain the target of bias and discrimination — including harassment, hate crimes, racist rhetoric and violent attacks; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared abuses by other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, as we honor the contributions and legacy of the Arab American community, we must also acknowledge the pain being felt by so many in the community as a result of the suffering occurring in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, in proclaiming April as Arab American Heritage Month, President Joe Biden reaffirmed the nation's commitment to furthering our cultural understanding of Arab American heritage and striving for a lasting peace domestically and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the month of April symbolizes hope, growth, color, and new beginnings; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Arab American Heritage Month has been determined as "Celebrating Arab American Resilience and Diversity".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2024, as Arab American Heritage month in Yolo County and reaffirms the County of Yolo's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs.

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors