

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.270

Reps. Aiyash, Rabhi, Brabec, Breen, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Koleszar, Kuppa, Morse, Pohutsky, Rogers, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Thanedar, Weiss and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2022 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, At least 200,000 Arab-Americans reside in the state
4 of Michigan; and

5 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
6 Arab-Americans in the United States; and

7 Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the
8 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the
9 early 1900s in search for a destination that will better provide
10 political, economic, and religious freedom; and

1 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women
2 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with
3 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
4 citizens and public servants; and

5 Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement
6 on all levels of government are a testament to the power of the
7 Arab-American community; and

8 Whereas, Arab migrants to the United States brought with them
9 their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to
10 education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added
11 strength to our great democracy; and

12 Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community
13 in the fields of academia, business, medicine, science, and social
14 justice continue to make our state a better place to live; and

15 Whereas, The working class population of this community has
16 played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that
17 our state is known for today; and

18 Whereas, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to
19 see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is
20 treated equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body declare April 2022 as Arab-American Heritage
23 Month in the state of Michigan.