

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.124

Senators Santana, Hollier, Bullock, Brinks, Geiss, Moss, McCann, Chang, Bayer and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 2022 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
4 Arab-Americans in the United States with at least 220,000
5 residents; and

6 Whereas, Arab-Americans are an integral part of this state
7 since their migration to the United States in the early 1900s in
8 order to find a destination that would better provide political,
9 economic, and religious freedoms; and

10 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women
11 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with

1 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
2 citizens and public servants; and

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

6 Whereas, Arab migrants bring their resilient family values,
7 strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith
8 and creed that add strength to our great democracy; and

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

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

15 Whereas, Arab-Americans join all Americans in the desire for a
16 peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated
17 equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
19 body recognize April 2022 as Arab-American Heritage Month.