

MOTION: Baldwin

**April 10, 2025
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 25- 04**

SECOND: Staubly

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to many aspects of American society, from medicine, law, business, and education to technology, government, and military service; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

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

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognizes the month of April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month in Prince William County. We encourage our residents to join in this special observance and celebration of the culture and achievements of the Arab American community in Prince William County and throughout the nation.

Votes:

Ayes: Staubly, BruMar, Porter, Baldwin, Pratter, Sparkes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Johnston, Ginoba, Young

ATTEST: _____

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Executive Director