



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-29

National Arab American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, for over a century Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, an entrepreneurial spirit and a diversity in faith; and

WHEREAS, the Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects is dedicated to helping its members succeed in their professions by providing resources, scholarship programs, and promoting community outreach and involvement that will impact their communities in a positive way; and

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

WHEREAS, the observance of Arab American History Month during the month of April is an opportunity to promote positive images and acknowledge our nation's continued desire for a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

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

NOW THEREFORE, we the Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland proclaim April 2025 as **National Arab American Heritage Month** in Charles County and call upon all residents to join in this special observance.



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