

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

### **IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH April 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, since migrating to America, people 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 history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim April 2023 as National Arab American Heritage Month. We acknowledge the contributions of Arab Americans in our community and encourage the Albany community to learn about the contributions Arab Americans have made to society.

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AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR