

**DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT PROCLAMATION:  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF  
ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN APRIL**

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, Arab-Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including science, medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor George Atiyeh, who served as the 32nd Governor of the State of Oregon from 1979 to 1987, was the first Arab-American elected as a state governor in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, since migrating to the United States, persons of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting examples as model citizens and public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab-Americans brought with them to the United States their resilient family values, a 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 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 United States remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate in the form of crimes and speech; and

**WHEREAS**, issues currently affecting Arab-Americans, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping and bullying, must be combatted through education and awareness; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stephanie D. Stephens, Chair of the David Douglas School Board of Directors, do hereby proclaim April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to be

ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
in the David Douglas School District

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the David Douglas School Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage and contributions of Arab-Americans to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Signed:



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Chair, David Douglas School District Board