

WHEREAS; Arab Americans make valuable contributions to every aspect of American society—including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture—and make their communities, the state, and the nation stronger; and

WHEREAS; individuals and families of Arab descent have resided in Wisconsin since the 19th century and have contributed greatly to the state’s history, culture, and economy throughout the years, sharing their rich cultures, traditions, and diversity of faith and creed with neighbors, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS; unfortunately, the history of Arab Americans in the United States is often neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate, and the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage through education, awareness, and meaningful action can reduce bullying, hate, and discrimination throughout all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in denouncing all forms of hate, celebrating diversity, recognizing the many contributions of Arab American communities across the state and country, and working towards a Wisconsin that is a welcoming and inclusive for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim
April 2025 as

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of March 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State