

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS; the resilient family values, strong work ethic, commitment to education, entrepreneurial spirit, and diversity in faith and creed within Arab American communities have added strength to our nation's democracy; and

WHEREAS; in Wisconsin, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich cultures and traditions with neighbors and friends, and have served as model citizens, dedicated public servants, and advocates for a peaceful, equitable, and diverse society; and

WHEREAS; we acknowledge that the history of Arab Americans in our country is often neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate, and we affirm that these injustices, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying, must be combatted through education and awareness; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in denouncing all forms of hate, embracing our diversity, celebrating the many contributions of Arab American communities across our state and country, and reaffirming our commitment to working towards a Wisconsin that is a safe, diverse, welcoming, and inclusive place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

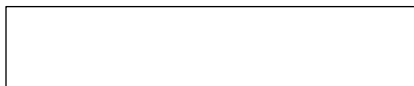
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 7th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State