

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that Arab Americans make valuable contributions to every aspect of American society—including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture—and add strength to our nation's democracy by embodying, among other virtues, strong family values, a deep commitment to education, and an entrepreneurial spirit; and

*WHEREAS*; in Wisconsin, many families of Arab descent share their rich cultures, traditions, and diversity of faith and creed with neighbors, friends, and fellow community members, and serve 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, awareness, and meaningful action to remove these harmful sentiments from our society; 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 2022 as

### ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

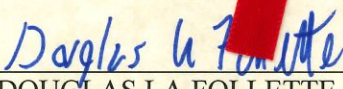
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State