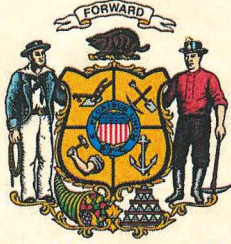


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; for more than a century, Arab Americans have been making critical contributions to many aspects of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS; since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors, friends, and communities across our state and country; and

WHEREAS; Arab Americans bring their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed have added strength to our 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 United States is too frequently neglected and defaced by misconceptions and bigotry; and

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

WHEREAS; Arab Americans share the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society in the United States, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS; we should celebrate and honor the contributions and heritage of Arab Americans;

NOW *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 29th day of March 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State