

**RESOLUTION OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
CANTON, MICHIGAN**

**Recognizing Arab American Heritage Month and Celebrating the Heritages and Cultures
of Arab Americans and the Contributions of Arab Americans to Canton Township**

Whereas for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture;

Whereas since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants;

Whereas they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy;

Whereas Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous;

Whereas the history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech;

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

Whereas they 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 incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton celebrates the contributions Arab Americans have made to society, and does hereby declare April 2021 National Arab American Heritage Month in Canton Township. We encourage our residents, employees, and the larger community, to join us in this special observance.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: