

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Arab Americans share their rich culture and traditions, including resilient family values, strong work ethics, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed, which have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans enrich our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, there are over 4 million Arab Americans residing in all fifty states, and more education and awareness are needed to change harmful stereotyping, bullying and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all fellow American citizens in calling for a peaceful and diverse society where every individual can feel safe and is treated equally; and


WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, Arab Americans are a part of the diversity that defines our population and makes our islands unique;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

“ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in celebrating the rich cultural heritage of Arab Americans and recognize all the contributions they have made to our society.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of April 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i