

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Reps. Hammoud, Greig, Camilleri, Clemente, Rabhi, Bolden, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Cherry, Robinson, Kuppa, Marino, Mueller, Garza, Liberati, Peterson, Neeley, Sneller, Bellino, Hertel, Hope, Wittenberg, Manoogian, Anthony, Tate, Jones, Chirkun, Crawford, Gay-Dagnogo, Haadsma, Lasinski, Shannon, Sowerby, Stone, Warren and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2019 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, At least 200,000 Arab-Americans reside in the state
4 of Michigan; and

5 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
6 Arab-Americans in the United States; and

7 Whereas, Arab-Americans have been an integral part of the
8 state of Michigan since their migration to the United States in the



1 early 1900's in search for a destination that will better provide
2 political, economic and religious freedom; and

3 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women
4 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with
5 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
6 citizens and public servants; and

7 Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement
8 on all levels of government are a testament to the power of the
9 Arab-American community; and

10 Whereas, Arab migrants to the United States brought with them
11 their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to
12 education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added
13 strength to our great democracy; and

14 Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community
15 in the fields of academia, business, medicine, science and social
16 justice continue to make our state a better place to live; and

17 Whereas, The working class population of this community has
18 played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that
19 our state is known for today; and

20 Whereas, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to
21 see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is
22 treated equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
24 this legislative body declare April 2019 as Arab-American Heritage
25 Month in the state of Michigan.