

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Senators Santana, Chang, Polehanki, Cavanagh, McCann, Wojno, Damoose, Klinefelt, Cherry, Bumstead, Outman, Irwin, McMorrow, Bayer, Singh, Brinks, Camilleri, Moss and Shink offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to recognize April 2023 as Arab-American Heritage  
2 Month.

3           Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of  
4 Arab-Americans in the United States with at least 220,000  
5 residents; and

6           Whereas, Arab-Americans are an integral part of this state  
7 since their migration to the United States in the early 1900s in  
8 order to find a destination that would better provide political,  
9 economic, and religious freedoms; and

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

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

8           Whereas, Arab migrants bring their resilient family values,  
9 strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith  
10 and creed that add strength to our great democracy; and

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

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

17           Whereas, Arab-Americans join all Americans in the desire for a  
18 peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated  
19 equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

20           Resolved by Senate, That the members of this legislative body  
21 recognize April 2023 as Arab-American Heritage Month.