

[Arab American Heritage Month - April 2026]

Resolution recognizing the month of April 2026 as Arab American Heritage Month in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have played a vital role in shaping the United States, contributing across generations to the nation's cultural, social, economic, and political development through resilience, innovation, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Arab American Heritage Month, observed in April, offers a meaningful opportunity to honor the diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Arab Americans from 22 countries, and to promote understanding of their continued impact on American society; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to a proud and longstanding Arab American community, with individuals and families from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, and other Arab nations building homes, businesses, and neighborhoods across the City for generations; and

WHEREAS, District 5 is home to especially vibrant Arab American communities whose residents have contributed significantly to the social, cultural, and civic fabric of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Arab American-owned businesses and the Neighborhood Business Alliance, which represents Arab grocers and other Arab business chambers of commerce, enrich the local economy while serving as spaces for cultural exchange, community gathering, and education; and

WHEREAS, Members of San Francisco's Arab American community have made meaningful contributions across many sectors, including technology, healthcare, education,

1 the arts, social justice, and public service, often while navigating systemic barriers and
2 fostering cross-cultural understanding; and

3 WHEREAS, The diversity within the Arab American community, including a wide range
4 of cultures, languages, religions, and traditions, adds richness and depth to San Francisco's
5 broader identity as an inclusive, multicultural City; and

6 WHEREAS, Arab Americans continue to advocate for social justice, equity, and
7 representation, working to ensure future generations thrive and feel a sense of belonging in
8 the City they help shape through community organizations like the Arab Resource &
9 Organizing Center (AROC); and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes the importance of
11 countering harmful stereotypes, promoting public awareness, and fostering solidarity between
12 communities to ensure all residents are treated with dignity and respect; now, therefore, be it

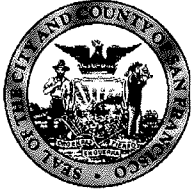
13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 hereby recognizes the month of April 2026 as Arab American Heritage Month and honors the
15 significant and enduring contributions of Arab Americans to the City's civic, cultural, and
16 economic life; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors celebrates the Arab American
18 communities across San Francisco and acknowledges their essential role in the ongoing
19 vibrancy and diversity of the City; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages all
21 residents to learn about and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Arab
22 Americans as part of building stronger bridges of understanding, connection, and shared
23 progress; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its
25 commitment to standing against discrimination, xenophobia, and hate in all forms, and to

supporting Arab Americans and all marginalized communities in achieving equity, inclusion,
and justice.



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April 28, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong
Excused: 1 - Fielder

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/28/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

5/8/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/8/2026

Date