

1 [Arab American Heritage Month - April 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Districts 5 and 6 are home to especially vibrant Arab American  
17 communities whose residents have contributed significantly to the social, cultural, and civic  
18 fabric of San Francisco; and

19 WHEREAS, Arab American-owned businesses enrich the local economy while serving  
20 as spaces for cultural exchange, community gathering, and education; and

21 WHEREAS, Members of San Francisco's Arab American community have made  
22 meaningful contributions across many sectors, including technology, healthcare, education,  
23 the arts, social justice, and public service, often while navigating systemic barriers and  
24 fostering cross-cultural understanding; and

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

4 WHEREAS, Arab Americans continue to advocate for social justice, equity, and  
5 representation, working to ensure future generations thrive and feel a sense of belonging in  
6 the city they help shape; and

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

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
11 hereby recognizes the month of April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month and honors the  
12 significant and enduring contributions of Arab Americans to the city's civic, cultural, and  
13 economic life; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors celebrates the Arab American  
15 communities across San Francisco and acknowledges their essential role in the ongoing  
16 vibrancy and diversity of the city; and, be it

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

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco reaffirms its  
22 commitment to standing against discrimination, xenophobia, and hate in all forms, and to  
23 supporting Arab Americans and all marginalized communities in achieving equity, inclusion,  
24 and justice.