

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to American society in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture and more; and

WHEREAS, women and men of Arab descent share their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while setting fine examples of American citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans were among the first immigrants to North Dakota, and the first mosque built in the United States of America remains standing near Ross, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, immigrants of Arab descent brought with them to the United States and North Dakota their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

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

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the United States remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping and bullying must be combated through education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, all Americans join in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and the contributions and heritage of Americans of all backgrounds have helped to build a better nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim  
April 2025, ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



  
Kelly Armstrong  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE