

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH APRIL 2026

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 celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates our fellow Americans and counters misinformation, harmful stereotyping and shared misconceptions by other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe while helping to build a better nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
April 2026, ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE