

PROCLAMATION ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH APRIL 2019

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, men and women 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 in the United States of America was built 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 contributions and heritage of Americans of all backgrounds have helped us build a better nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2019, **ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum

Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State