

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Senators Santana, Chang, Polehanki, Cavanagh, McCann, Wojno, Damoose, Klinefelt, Cherry, Bumstead, Outman, Irwin, McMorrow, Bayer and Singh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 2023 as Arab-American Heritage
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of
4 Arab-Americans in the United States with at least 220,000
5 residents; and

6 Whereas, Arab-Americans are an integral part of this state
7 since their migration to the United States in the early 1900s in
8 order to find a destination that would better provide political,
9 economic, and religious freedoms; and

10 Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women

1 of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with
2 neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model
3 citizens and public servants; and

4 Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement
5 in all levels of government are a testament to the power of the
6 Arab-American community; and

7 Whereas, Arab migrants bring their resilient family values,
8 strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith
9 and creed that add strength to our great democracy; and

10 Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community
11 in academia, business, medicine, science, and social justice
12 continue to make our state a better place to live; and

13 Whereas, The working class population of this community has
14 played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that
15 our state is known for today; and

16 Whereas, Arab-Americans join all Americans in the desire for a
17 peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated
18 equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by Senate, That the members of this legislative body
20 recognize April 2023 as Arab-American Heritage Month.