

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-018**

Proclaiming April 2021 as Arab American Heritage Month in Multnomah County.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Whereas, Multnomah County, Oregon is deeply enriched by the diversity of its residents and is proud to be home to a thriving Arab American population; and
- B. Whereas, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including in science, medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, and culture; and
- C. Whereas, Victor George Atiyeh, who served as the 32nd Governor of Oregon from 1979 to 1987, was the first Arab American elected as Governor of a State; and
- D. Whereas, Arab Americans, like all Americans, share the desire to be a part of a peaceful and diverse society, in which every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and
- E. Whereas, it is imperative to increase awareness about key issues and priorities within the Arab American community and combat harmful stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination; and
- F. Whereas, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a city and a better nation; and
- G. Whereas, National Arab American Heritage Month celebrates and honors the rich contributions of Arab Americans and celebrates Arab American heritage and culture. It also reflects an opportunity to deepen our understanding and connection with these communities, and stand in solidarity to respond to hate crimes, bigotry and misunderstanding and work to dispel stereotypes and empower all Arab Americans in our communities.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

April 2021 as Arab American Heritage Month in Multnomah County Oregon, and with this proclamation encourage all residents to observe this month.

**ADOPTED this \_8th day of April, 2021.**



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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