



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-012

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2022 AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Arab American Heritage Month was first recognized by a U.S. president in 2021 in a letter issued by President Biden to Arab America and the Arab America Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is proud to join in celebrating the heritage and culture of Arab Americans in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the first documented Arabic speaker, Zammouri, arrived in North America as an enslaved person from Morocco in 1528. Since 1528, people of Arab decent have made numerous valuable contributions to various aspects of American life, including business, culture, education, government, law, medicine, military service, technology, and more; and

WHEREAS, approximately four million Arab Americans live in the United States. There is currently no category on the U.S. Census for Arab, Middle Eastern, or North African people. Arab American, Middle Eastern, and North African people are told to self-identify as white or Caucasian resulting in underrepresentation in data and inequitable access to services and resources; and

WHEREAS, despite facing marginalization and targeted racism, the Arab American community in Snohomish County continues to persevere and inspire; and

WHEREAS, Arab American communities in Snohomish County enrich our community through their resiliency, rich family and community values, strong work ethic, entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to education, diversity in background and religions, and support for democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join the broader community in the desire for a peaceful, just, and diverse community where everyone is treated fairly and can exercise their freedoms without fear;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Snohomish County Council, does hereby recognize April 2022 as Arab American Heritage Month in Snohomish County and encourages all who live, work, and play in Snohomish County to recognize Arab American Heritage Month by participating in sharing warm wishes with our Arab American neighbors.

APPROVED this 30th day of March, 2022.


Megan Dunn
Council Chair

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ATTEST: 
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