



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State's strength is its diversity, reflected in people of all cultures and nationalities who share the common hope for a better future for humankind; and

Whereas, Arab American Heritage Month celebrates the community of individuals with ancestry traceable to the twenty-two Arab nations, and who are inspired to preserve this distinct legacy for younger generations; and

Whereas, Arab Americans have a history of more than a century in the United States, making valuable contributions in all professions, vocations, and occupations – including medicine, law, academia, business, technology, government, and the creative, performing, and musical arts; and

Whereas, as members of communities across the United States who uphold our nation's values, Arab Americans add to its diversity by establishing cultural and educational institutions, strengthening our economic foundation through their entrepreneurial pursuits, and participating in civic and community life; and

Whereas, we thank the tens of thousands of Arab Americans who served during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Iraq War, and the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq after September 11, 2001, and those who serve today in our military forces with honor and pride, defending the ideals of democracy; and

Whereas, New Yorkers share in events that celebrate and strengthen the bonds that are the foundation of our communities, and we join with our Arab American friends and neighbors as they pay tribute to their ancestral legacy and we extend appreciation for the valuable contributions this community has made and continues to make to our state and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day
of April in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh