
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 383 Session of
2024

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WADE-EL, ABNEY, GIRAL, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, ROZZI, KINSEY, CURRY,
CERRATO, DALEY AND KIM, APRIL 9, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 9, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2024 as "Arab American Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth takes great pride in the varied
4 religious and cultural traditions of its residents and seeks to
5 afford all people in Pennsylvania the opportunity to better
6 understand, recognize and appreciate the contributions,
7 histories and cultures of Arab Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have a rich history in Pennsylvania,
9 making invaluable contributions to the growth and diversity of
10 our communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has one of the fastest growing Arab
12 American populations in the United States, and the Arab American
13 Institute estimates more than 182,000 Arab Americans live in
14 this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have excelled in various fields,
16 including business, medicine, law, engineering, arts and

1 government; and

2 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have been at the forefront of civic
3 and political life, advocating for social justice, civil rights
4 and human rights, making significant contributions to the
5 advancement of democracy and the well-being of all
6 Pennsylvanians; and

7 WHEREAS, Arab Americans have fought for the United States
8 since its origins, with historical evidence showing Arab
9 Americans served during the Revolutionary War; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated 14,000 Arab Americans served in World
11 War I and more than 15,000 served in World War II, the highest
12 percent of any ethnic group serving the United States military
13 during the war; and

14 WHEREAS, Notable Arab Americans include esteemed writer and
15 artist Khalil Gibran, former Majority Leader of the United
16 States Senate George Mitchell, as well as actors and
17 entertainers such as Tony Shalhoub, Salma Hayek, Rami Malek,
18 Casey Kasem, Gigi Hadid, DJ Khaled and Danny Thomas; and

19 WHEREAS, The month of April has been designated as "Arab
20 American Heritage Month" in recognition of the contributions,
21 achievements and cultural heritage of Arab Americans across the
22 United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Recognizing and celebrating "Arab American Heritage
24 Month" in Pennsylvania promotes understanding, respect and
25 appreciation for the rich diversity of this Commonwealth while
26 fostering mutual understanding and friendship among all
27 communities; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
29 month of April 2024 as "Arab American Heritage Month" in
30 Pennsylvania.