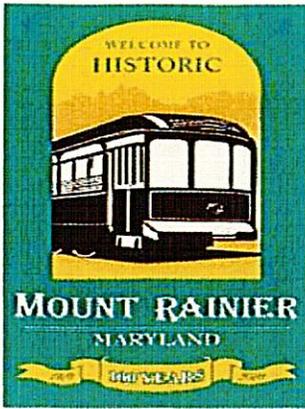


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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 02-2025**

Introduced by: Mayor Celina Benitez

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MOUNT RAINIER
MARYLAND PROCLAIMING APRIL AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH**

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Rainier is proud to Honor the history, culture, heritage and contributions of Arab Americans in our community, throughout Maryland, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, The month of April is nationally recognized and celebrated as Arab American Heritage Month since 2017; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Honoring the Past, inspiring the Future," reflects and celebrates the Arab American community's historical legacy, recognizing the present generation and inspiring the next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, For over a century, the Arab American community has been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect in key roles in the advancement in the multiple field of studies including and not limited to the Arts, Culture, Science, Math, Politics, History, Business, Music, Sports, Medicine, Economic Development, Education, Agriculture, Literature, Dance, High Technology, Military Service and Education; and

WHEREAS, The history of Arab Americans in the US at times remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate, which must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Arab community brought with them to US their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, The Arab community and their descendants, since migrating to US have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Rainier will continue to work towards becoming an inclusive city in which all the community—past, present and future—are respected and that the Arab American community is recognized for their contributions to our city, country and the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Mount Rainier recognizes and acknowledges the contributions, achievements, and influences of the Arab American Community; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Mount Rainier proclaims April as Arab American Heritage Month.

This Resolution is adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mount Rainier this 3rd day of June, 2025.

Attest:



Melissa Sam, City Clerk



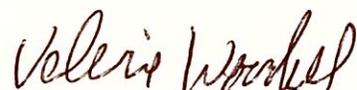
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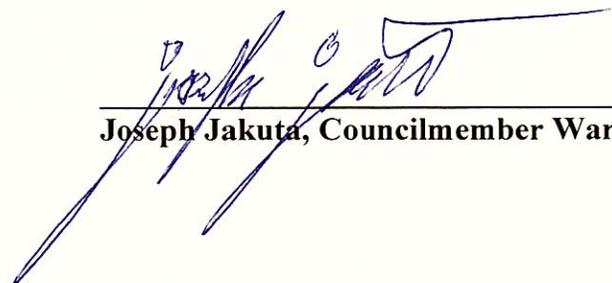
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