

**RECOGNITION OF ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
APRIL 2025**

WHEREAS, April has been designated as a time to celebrate the valuable contributions of Arab Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the first immigration of individuals of Arabian descent to the United States dates back to the late 1800s and has continued for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, culinary, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Arab American Heritage Month is “Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future”; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS, during Arab American Heritage Month, it is imperative to increase awareness about key issues and priorities within the Arab American community and combat harmful stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize April as Arab American Heritage Month, commemorates the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Arab Americans have made to our society, and thanks the Shihadeh Family for their generosity and efforts to support and enhance the South San Francisco Community!*

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