

**RECOGNITION OF ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
APRIL 2022**

***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, 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**, Arab Americans brought with them to America 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**, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and*

***WHEREAS**, the history of Arab Americans remains defaced by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate; 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 and commemorates the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Arab Americans have made to our society.*

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*Mark Nagales, Mayor*

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*Buenafior Nicolas, Vice Mayor*

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*Mark Addiego, Councilmember*

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*James Coleman, Councilmember*

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*Eddie Flores, Councilmember*

*Dated: April 27, 2022*