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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019, TO BE "NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, McLaughlin, Kazarian, Johnston, and  
Mattiello

Date Introduced: April 11, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, For more than a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable  
2 contributions to virtually every aspect of American life and society, including medicine, law,  
3 business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

4           WHEREAS, Since migrating to the United States, men and women of Arab descent have  
5 shared their rich culture and traditions with their neighbors and friends, while also setting fine  
6 examples of model citizenry and public service; and

7           WHEREAS, Arab Americans brought with them their resilient family values, strong  
8 work ethic, dedication to education, and a diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to  
9 our great democracy; and

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

12           WHEREAS, The history of Arab Americans in the United States remains neglected or  
13 defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

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

16           WHEREAS, The incredible heritage and contributions made by Arab Americans have  
17 helped us build a better nation; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby joyously celebrates the numerous important contributions Arab

1 Americans have made to our great nation and hereby declares the Month of April, 2019, to be  
2 “National Arab American Heritage Month” in the State of Rhode Island. We moreover encourage  
3 all Rhode Island citizens to join in celebration of this special observance; and be it further  
4       RESOLVED, That the secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Thomas Lazieh, Rhode Island  
6 National Arab American Heritage Representative.

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