

**MOTION: Staubly**

**SECOND: Johnston**

**April 9, 2026  
Regular Meeting  
HRC RES 26-05**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026 AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**ACTION: Approved**

**WHEREAS**, April is National Arab American Heritage Month, the theme adopted for this month is “Many Voice One Community,” which reflects the breadth of Arab American identities while affirming the shared values that unite the community.

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans are a diverse community of immigrants and descendants of immigrants, 3.7 million strong who have come from throughout the Arab world. Arab Americans are Syrians, Lebanese, Egyptians, Palestinians, Iraqis, Jordanians, and Yemenis from North Africa to Southwest Asia. The Arab American ethnic community is diverse in faith, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, and ability

**WHEREAS**, the entrepreneurial spirit of the Arab American community has enriched our local economy and contributed to the freedom and prosperity of Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage serves as a vital tool to educate the public and counter misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and prejudices; and

**WHEREAS**, as the most diverse county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince William County recognizes that the incredible contributions of our Arab American residents are essential to building a more inclusive and vibrant community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognizes the month of April 2026 as Arab American Heritage Month in Prince William County. We encourage our residents to join in this special observance and celebration of the culture and achievements of the Arab American community in Prince William County and throughout the nation.

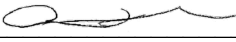
**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Johnston, Young, Porter, Baldwin, Staubly, Sparkes

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent from the meeting:** BruMar, Pratter

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  


Executive Director