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RESOLUTION #23-10
RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, the arts, government, military service, and community culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, people 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 their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that spurs creativity and better lives; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or diminished by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

WHEREAS, Arab American lives are restricted and burdened by mistreatment, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, religious intolerance, and bullying, which can and must be combated through education and awareness; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the extensive accomplishments and contributions of Arab Americans, and does hereby recognize April 2023 to be National Arab American Heritage Month.

Resolution #23-10 Recognizing April As National Arab American Heritage Month
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
March 16, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this day, the 16th day of March, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

NAYS:

ABSENT: Filicetti

ABSTAIN:



Bruce Van Allen, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools