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RESOLUTION #26-13

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: medicine, law, business, education, technology, the arts, government, military service, and community culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to the United States, Americans of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors, friends and communities; 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 U.S. 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, recent changes in federal policy, funding, and staffing are creating new concerns and uncertainties for immigrant communities, including Arab Americans; 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

Resolution #26-13 Recognizing April as National Arab American Heritage Month
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March 19, 2026

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 2026 to be National Arab American Heritage Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 19th day of March 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Kyle, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Acosta

ABSTAIN: None

Rachel Williams

Rachel Williams, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Faris Sabbah

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