

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-193**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS ARAB
6 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF
7 JACKSONVILLE, CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
8 ARAB AMERICANS TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
9 THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS,** Arab American Heritage Month is observed nationwide
12 in April to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage,
13 history, and contributions of Arab Americans to the United States;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS,** Arab Americans have been an integral part of American
16 society for over a century, making significant contributions in the
17 fields of business, education, medicine, law, technology, government,
18 culture, and the arts; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville is home to a diverse and vibrant Arab
20 American community whose contributions continue to strengthen the
21 City's social, economic, and cultural fabric; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Arab Americans have played a vital role in advancing
23 civil rights and fostering mutual understanding among different
24 communities; and

25 **WHEREAS,** recognizing Arab American Heritage Month in
26 Jacksonville highlights the importance of embracing and celebrating
27 the diversity of cultures and backgrounds that make the City a
28 welcoming and inclusive place for all; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville acknowledges and appreciates
30 the efforts of local Arab American organizations, businesses, and
31 community leaders who continue to enhance the prosperity and

1 well-being of the City through their dedication and hard work; now
2 therefore

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

4 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes April 2026 as
5 Arab American Heritage Month and encourages all residents to join in
6 celebrating the rich heritage, culture, and contributions of Arab
7 Americans.

8 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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