

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-232**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 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; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
10 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Arab American Heritage Month is observed nationwide
13 in April to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage,
14 history, and contributions of Arab Americans to the United States;
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16 **WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have been an integral part of American
17 society for over a century, making significant contributions in the
18 fields of business, education, medicine, law, technology, government,
19 culture, and the arts; and

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

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

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

30 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville acknowledges and appreciates
31 the efforts of local Arab American organizations, businesses, and

1 community leaders who continue to enhance the prosperity and well-
2 being of the City through their dedication and hard work; now
3 therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes April 2025 as
6 Arab American Heritage Month and encourages all residents to join in
7 celebrating the rich heritage, culture, and contributions of Arab
8 Americans.

9 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
10 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
11 introduction of this legislation is requested in order to recognize
12 Arab American Heritage Month in April in a timely manner.

13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Nayeli Jimenez, City Council Research

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