

1 Introduced by Council Member Miller and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Johnson and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-193-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS ARAB
7 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF
8 JACKSONVILLE, CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
9 ARAB AMERICANS TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
10 THE UNITED STATES; 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;
15 and

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
2 well-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 2026 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. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Steven Libby, City Council Research

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