

Date of Hearing: April 20, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
James Ramos, Chair
ACR 58 (Reyes) – As Introduced April 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Arab American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY: Designates the month of April of each year as Arab American Heritage Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Arab American community has a long and integral history in the United States. For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, education, science, technology, government, arts, and culture.
- 2) 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.
- 3) People of Arab descent have brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy.
- 4) People of Arab descent have shared their rich culture, strong work ethic, and dedication to education while embracing the American spirit of opportunity and helping us build a better nation and state for all.
- 5) California is home to the largest Arab American population in the United States with approximately 715,000 people of Arab American descent, represented in the entire state. We recognize and celebrate the contributions to cultural diversity, economic growth, and the overall development of our state and nation made by the Arab American community
- 6) It is appropriate and right to celebrate a diversity of cultures and heritages, and such celebration serves as a reminder that despite our differing backgrounds, everyone in California is bound by a common hope for a better and more inclusive future for our children.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Arab America Foundation

Opposition

None on file

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