

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, as well as in the community of Spokane in various professions at companies, schools, factories, banks, restaurants, and other businesses in addition to the medical and dental fields; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women 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; and they 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. Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech. Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; and:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Spokane and encourage our citizens to join us in this special occasion. We acknowledge and express our gratitude to more than 1000 Arabs representing more than 22 Arab countries who have been living in Spokane for decades.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
5th day of April 2023.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

