

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Columbia, Missouri, values all of its residents and strives to be the best place to live, work, learn, and play; and

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab decent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have brought with them their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed, which has added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage helps to educate and counter misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared abuses by other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, one where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped to build a better nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and ask everyone to join in this special observation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 12th day of April, 2024.

Barbara Buffaloe

Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin

Sheela Amin, City Clerk