

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARAB AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, people of Arab ethnicity and culture who have immigrated to America have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as model citizens and public servants; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have 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 United States continues to be characterized by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate expressed by crimes and hate speech; and

**WHEREAS**, the civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping and bullying suffered by Arab Americans must be combated with education and awareness; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate April 2022 as Arab American Heritage Month.