

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

**DECLARING APRIL 2025, AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE**

Arab American Heritage Month is an annual, recognition of Arab Americans' culture, heritage, achievements, and contributions to the United States.

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Heritage Month has been celebrated nationally in April since 2017, this year's theme is: "Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," which reflects on the community's legacy while recognizing the next generation of leaders who are making strides in business, government, education, science, and the arts; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Arab Americans in the US. at times remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate, which must be combated in the forms of education and awareness.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville proclaim April 2025, as Arab American Heritage Month to celebrate the contributions Arab Americans have made to the City of Hyattsville and society at-large.

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**Robert Croslin**

*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

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