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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019, TO BE "NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, Crowley, Pearson, Ruggerio, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 24, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, For more than a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable  
2 contributions to virtually every aspect of American life and society, including medicine, law,  
3 business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

4           WHEREAS, Since migrating to the United States, men and women of Arab descent have  
5 shared their rich culture and traditions with their neighbors and friends, while also setting fine  
6 examples of model citizenry and public service; and

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

10           WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the  
11 entrepreneurial American spirit that has made our nation free and prosperous; and

12           WHEREAS, The history of Arab Americans in the United States remains neglected or  
13 defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

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

16           WHEREAS, The incredible heritage and contributions made by Arab Americans have  
17 helped us build a better nation; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
19 hereby joyously celebrates the numerous important contributions Arab Americans have made to

1 our great nation and hereby declares the Month of April, 2019, to be "National Arab American  
2 Heritage Month" in the State of Rhode Island. We moreover encourage all Rhode Island citizens  
3 to join in celebration of this special observance; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Thomas Lazieh, Rhode Island  
6 National Arab American Heritage Representative.

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