

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 2017, **National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM)** is celebrated annually in April to formally recognize the achievements of Arab Americans and the contributions they make to our nation's culture whereby helping to build a better country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arab American citizens have greatly influenced the development of the Tampa Bay area, the state of Florida, and United States of America, by sharing their rich heritage and diversity, generous philanthropy, and the many contributions to communities including in education, health, science, social services, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans serve others and are part of the success story of our nation, and they are an established and vital component of the neighborhoods in which they live, play, and work including as teachers, medical personnel, entrepreneurs and business owners, scientists, first-responders, public servants and community leaders, artists, entertainers, authors, non-profit organization members, and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arab America Foundation, an educational and cultural organization established in 2019, and its mission includes **Promoting** the Arab heritage and empowering Arab Americans, **Educating** others about the history, religion, culture, contributions, and issues of Arab Americans throughout the nation, and **Connecting** the nearly 4 million Arab Americans in the United States regardless of their diverse Arab nationality, political affiliation, or religious background, and to build coalitions with diverse organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of April, celebrations are held to recognize National Arab American Heritage Month throughout the United States, and the celebrations highlight the Arab heritage and culture featuring arts, cuisine, music, and dance.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2023, as

## ***"NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Arab American community for its contributions to our city, state, and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor