

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 03-061324

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, In the month of April, we continue to honor the rich heritage, history, and hopes of the more than 3.5 million Arab Americans across our country who have helped write the American story and move our Nation ever forward embodying the truth that diversity has been and always will be our strength; and

WHEREAS, by honoring each other's cultures, we can educate ourselves about the rich diversity that makes up our community; and

WHEREAS, People with Arab heritage were among the many immigrants who came to our country's shores with a range of cultures, customs, backgrounds, and beliefs, sharing a common courage to start new chapters in an unfamiliar land, often in the face of discrimination and hate; and

WHEREAS, This legacy of courage, resilience, and service lives on today in Arab Americans across our country—in the Arab American service members and public servants, in the Arab American engineers, scientists, and medical professionals, and in Arab American teachers and community leaders, who continue to inspire the next generation; and

WHEREAS, As we come together to honor these contributions, we must also pause to reflect on the pain being felt by so many in the Arab American community with the war in Gaza. The trauma, death, and destruction in Israel and Gaza have claimed, and continue to claim, far too many innocent lives -- including family and friends of Arab Americans across our Nation; and

WHEREAS, This challenge also reminds us of our responsibility as a community. Across our community, Arab Americans remain the target of bias and discrimination — including harassment, hate crimes, racist rhetoric, and violent attacks; and

WHEREAS, Arab American Heritage Month is intended to address misconceptions, misinformation, Arabophobia, anti-Arabism, and discrimination against Arab Americans by celebrating their accomplishments and providing factual information about Arab American culture;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Mountain View Whisman School District— During National Arab American Heritage Month, celebrate the immeasurable impact Arab Americans have had on our Nation's character and recommit to realizing the promise of America for all Arab Americans; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No. 03-061324 to encourage the recognition of

National Arab American Heritage Month in the schools of the district during the month of April with culturally-responsive activities and to acknowledge the significance of Arab American Heritage Month now and always.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this 13th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees at a regular meeting as stated above.

President
Board of Trustees
Mountain View Whisman School District