

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 01-040325

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Today the Arab American Institute estimates that roughly 3.7 million Arab Americans are living in the United States from a variety of faith backgrounds, including both Christians and Muslims originating from any of the 22 Arabic-speaking countries; and

WHEREAS, In the month of April 2025, we continue to honor the rich heritage, history, and contributions of Arab Americans across our country who have helped write the American story and move our Nation forward, embodying the truth that diversity has been and always will be our strength; and

WHEREAS, Persons of Arab descent have throughout their history in the United States generously shared their culture, music, and food with their fellow Americans and contributed to the economy and society of the United States, bringing with them resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity that have added strength to United States democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have served the United States as first responders, in the public sector, and as public servants from all political parties, in the United States Government, the Congress, the Senate, as ambassadors, cabinet members, as well as all other Arab Americans in uniform today; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have excelled in science, engineering, medicine, education, scholarship, architecture, sports, entertainment, journalism, literature, and the arts, enriching our national cultural tapestry; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have and continue to play a critical role in America's social justice and human rights movements, including civil rights, labor organizing, and environmental justice movements; and

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

WHEREAS, In 2021, President Biden became the first sitting United States President to recognize the celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month, and as of 2025, at least 48 States and territories and numerous cities have taken steps to recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Mountain View Whisman School District supports the recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month and esteems the integral role of Arab

Americans in the economy, culture, and identity of the United States; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No. 01-040325 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 programs that recognize and celebrate the unique contributions of Arab Americans now and always.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this 3rd day of April, 2025, 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