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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Recognizing April 2026 as National Arab American Heritage Month

*Whereas,* Arab Americans have made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the United States; and

*Whereas,* Arab Americans represent diverse backgrounds, languages, religions, and traditions, enriching the multicultural tapestry of our nation; and

*Whereas,* Arab Americans have played integral roles in various fields including science, medicine, technology, business, education, arts, politics, and more, contributing to the advancement and prosperity of our society; and

*Whereas,* the recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month promotes understanding, appreciation, and celebration of the rich heritage and achievements of Arab Americans; and

*Whereas,* National Arab American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to acknowledge the challenges faced by Arab American communities and to promote inclusivity, diversity, and respect for all individuals; and

*Whereas,* Arab Americans have a long history of contributing to the progress and success of the United States, embodying the values of hard work, perseverance, and community spirit; now, therefore,

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*Be It Resolved*, that the South Orange County Community College District officially recognizes and celebrates National Arab American Heritage Month during the month of April and encourages all students, faculty, and staff to learn about and honor the contributions and achievements of Arab Americans throughout history; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, that the South Orange County Community College District encourages the hosting of events, activities, and educational programs to raise awareness and celebrate the diverse heritage and culture of Arab Americans and reaffirms its commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and mutual respect among all communities, including Arab Americans, and opposes discrimination or prejudice based on ethnicity, religion, or national origin.

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