



Wayne State University  
Student Senate  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Resolution 2324-18**

**SPONSOR:** Issa Hosari (*Director of Community Affairs, Member at Large*)

**CO- SPONSORS:** Mazin Alam (*Member at Large*), Rabika Ali (*Secretary; Member at Large*), Fatima Algahaim (*Member at Large*), Vansh Bhardwaj (*Member at Large*), Elizabeth Crenshaw (*School of Social Work Representative*), Finnley Culhane (*Dir. Government Affairs; College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Representative*), Hassan Ezzeddine (*Vice President; Member at Large*), Veronica Fahmi (*College of Nursing Representative*), Alexander Gilstorf (*Member at Large*), Nelson Glory-Ejoyokah (*Honors College Representative*), Zahra Hassan (*Member at Large*), Rachel John (*Parliamentarian; Member at Large*), Hayden Johnson (*President; Member at Large*), Ridaa Khan (*Treasurer; College of Fine, Performing, & Communication Arts Representative*), TK Khan (*School of Law Representative*), Charlie Rougny (*Member at Large*), Gabriel Shamam (*Dir. Public Relations; Member at Large*), Noor Suleiman (*School of Medicine Representative*)

*A resolution to recognize April as Arab American Heritage Month.*

THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE ENACT:

**WHEREAS**, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and

**WHEREAS**, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates our fellow Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared abuses by other ethnic groups, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan has the highest percentage of Arab Americans, and Wayne State University reflects that cultural and demographic significance. <sup>1</sup>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wayne State Student Senate, alongside nationally recognized organizations such as the Arab America Foundation, celebrate the contributions Arab Americans have made to society and does hereby declare April to be National Arab American Heritage Month. The Student Senate recommends university leadership adopt this resolution or otherwise recognize Arab American Heritage at a university level. The Student Senate will circulate this final resolution to all relevant outlets, including the Wayne State University Board of Governors, University President, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the University Leadership Council, the University DEI Council, OMSE, and the South End.

**MOVED** to recognize April as Arab America Heritage Month by Senator **ALAM** and **SECONDED** by Senator **ALI**.

<b>FINAL ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>22-0-0</b>	<b>MARCH 7 2024</b>
	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
			<b>DATE</b>

**VOTE APPROVED BY:**



**PRESIDENT: Hayden Johnson**



**SECRETARY: Rabika Ali**

<sup>1</sup> <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/arab-population-by-state>