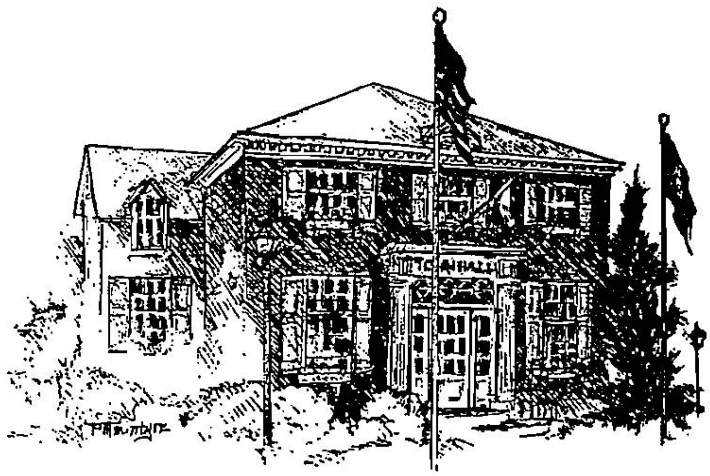

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
April 2025

The Town of Herndon is home to a diverse and vibrant community that includes individuals of Arab American heritage, who have made significant cultural, economic, and social contributions to our town, our Commonwealth, and our nation. For generations, Arab Americans have enriched the fabric of American society through their achievements in business, education, science, technology, medicine, government, military service, and the arts. Arab Americans have played vital roles in advocating for justice, equality, and civil rights ~ exemplifying determination, resilience, and a commitment to community engagement.

More than 3.7 million Americans trace their heritage to Arab nations, representing a wide range of religious, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds that enhance the diversity of our communities. Arab Americans contribute over $7.5 billion to the U.S. economy annually through entrepreneurship and small businesses, and Arab American physicians and medical professionals provide essential healthcare services to millions of Americans.

The celebration of **Arab American Heritage Month** in April offers an opportunity to recognize, appreciate, and honor the traditions, heritage, and contributions of Arab Americans to our town and nation. By fostering greater awareness and understanding of the rich history and cultural diversity of Arab Americans, we strengthen the bonds of unity, inclusivity, and respect within our community.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 **Arab American Heritage Month** in the Town of Herndon; and encourages all residents to learn more about and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Arab Americans.