

**Asking University of Baltimore to Recognize Arab American Heritage Month as an Observance at
University of Baltimore**

Introduced by: Senator Hensgen

Sponsored by: Student Affairs/DEI Committee

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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 history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and

WHEREAS, Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; 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;

WHEREAS, UBALT SGA has advocated for numerous diverse observances to be added to the school calendar and addition of this observance can allow students of arab backgrounds to feel more included as part of the greater campus community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED:

SECTION 1: UBALT SGA Recommends University of Baltimore to recognize and observe April as Arab American Heritage Month.

SECTION 2: UBSGA will share this resolution with the University of Baltimore to work on further exploring this issue.

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Date Voted on: 3/30/2022

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