

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2914**

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS, Senator WAGNER; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BYNUM, DEXTER, HAYDEN, MEEK, NERON, PHAM, SANCHEZ, SOLLMAN, Senators GELSER, JAMA (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to Arab-American Heritage Month.

Whereas for more than a century, Arab-Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society, including science, medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service and culture; and

Whereas Victor George Atiyeh, who served as the 32nd Governor of the State of Oregon from 1979 to 1987, was the first Arab-American elected as a state governor in the United States; and

Whereas since migrating to the United States, persons of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting examples as model citizens and public servants; and

Whereas Arab-Americans brought with them to the United States their resilient family values, a 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 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 United States remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry and anti-Arab hate in the form of crimes and speech; and

Whereas issues currently affecting Arab-Americans, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping and bullying, must be combatted through education and awareness; and

Whereas Arab-Americans 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 contributions and heritage of Arab-Americans have helped us build a better nation; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. April of each year is designated as Arab-American Heritage Month.**

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**Passed by House June 15, 2021**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate June 23, 2021**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State