

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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, 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.

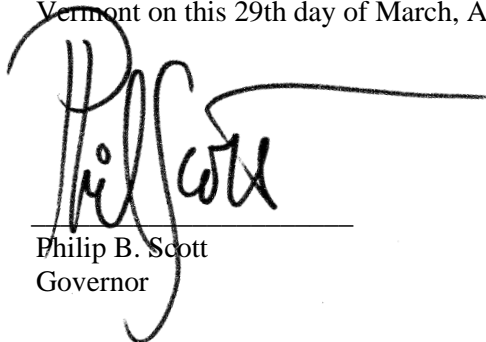
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April as

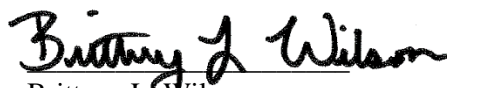
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of March, A.D. 2021.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs