



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PETALUMA CITY
ELEMENTARY AND PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
("PETALUMA CITY SCHOOLS"), DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, April is recognized as Arab American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to honor the more than 3.5 million Arab Americans whose diverse cultures, traditions, and achievements have enriched our nation and advanced the enduring principle that diversity is one of our country's greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, individuals of Arab heritage have been part of the fabric of the United States since its earliest days, bringing with them a rich range of languages, faiths, customs, and perspectives, and have made significant contributions to the history and progress of our nation in the sciences, arts, government, commerce, education, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have contributed to every aspect of American society and are recognized for achievements in education, social services, public safety, health care, business, fine arts, entertainment, science, politics, law, engineering, technology, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, Arab Americans continue to experience bias and discrimination, including harassment, hate crimes, racist rhetoric, and acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, the core values of Petaluma City Schools affirm that all students reach high levels of achievement through rigorous and culturally relevant curriculum and that diversity is an asset that strengthens and enriches our learning community; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing each student with opportunities to understand the shared humanity of all people, to develop pride in their own identity and heritage, and to respect and value the identities and heritages of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education hereby proclaims April as Arab American Heritage Month and encourages schools throughout the District to celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans through educational programs and activities that promote inclusion, understanding, and respect.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Quinn who moved its adoption, seconded by Member Webster and adopted by the following vote:

CLOUD: Aye PAUN: Aye QUINN: Aye WEBSTER: Aye WILLIAMS: Aye

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED** this 10th day of March 2026.



Resolution 2526-36

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Mady Cloud, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Matthew Harris, Secretary