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Sponsor(s): Sawyer (6)

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Committee(s) Assignment:



A Resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

SALUTE TO ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND THE AMERICAN ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, National Arab American Heritage Month was first recognized in April 2021 by U.S. President Joe Biden and the U.S. Department of State along with some members of Congress as well as 37 governors issuing supporting proclamations, including those of Illinois, Oregon, and Virginia, who signed permanent legislation designating April as National Arab American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS there are almost a half-million Arab Americans living in the Chicago metropolitan area whose ancestors come from Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Yemen, and each of the 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa who comprise the Arabic nations; and

WHEREAS the American Arab Chamber of Commerce has hosted a celebration of Arab American Heritage Month on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at Aladdin Banquets at 8821 W. 87th Street in Hickory Hills. This non-profit organization, founded in 1986 by Hassan Nijem and a group of like-minded Arab, Middle Eastern, and Muslim American businessmen, is charged with a mission committed to strengthening its members through various programs, events, and seminars; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Roderick Sawyer, Alderman of the 6th Ward, has informed this august body of this preeminent business organization, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 27th day of April, 2022 AD do hereby extend our heartfelt best wishes for continuing success of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce of Illinois and hereby declare the month of April to be Arab American Heritage Month throughout Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the American Arab Chamber of Commerce of Illinois.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick T. Sawyer", written over a horizontal line.

RODERICK T. SAWYER
Alderman – 6th Ward