ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District (“Board”) affirming its acknowledgement of April 2019 as National Arab American Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, the early 1870s marks the first recorded Middle Eastern settlers in Detroit;

WHEREAS, the 2010 census established metropolitan Detroit as home to the highest concentration of Arab Americans in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, over centuries, Arab Americans have enriched Detroit via dedication to education, exemplar entrepreneurship and diversity of faith;

WHEREAS, Detroit Public Schools Community District is proud to serve and employ Arab American students, parents and employees;

WHEREAS, Detroit sits in the 13th Congressional District and is represented by U.S. Representative Rashida Harbi Tlaib – the first Palestinian-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress and one of the two first Muslim women elected to the U.S. Congress;

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped build a better Detroit and indeed a better nation;

WHEREAS, Arab American Heritage is worthy of celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered this matter in open session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District that April 2019 is National Arab American Heritage Month in Detroit Public Schools Community District. We encourage our students and staff to join in celebration of this special observance.

RESOLVED this 16th day of April 2019.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY DISTRICT

By: Iris A. Taylor, Ph.D, President
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Board of Education

Certification:

I certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District at a properly-noticed open meeting held with a quorum present on the 16th day of April 2019.

Misha Stallworth, Board Secretary
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Board of Education