

RESOLUTION NO. 19/26-27

IN SUPPORT OF ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, APRIL, 2027

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of our national and local community, including medicine, law, business, technology, government, and culture; and

WHEREAS, San Ramon Valley Unified School District is proud to serve and employ Arab American students, parents, volunteers, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in American life often remains neglected or defaced by misunderstanding, 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, harassment, and bullying, must be combated in the forms of education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for public education, awareness, and policies that are culturally competent when describing, discussing, or addressing the impacts of being Arab American in all aspects of American society, including discourse and policy within the San Ramon Valley Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, we seek to join with the State Department of the United States of America and the State of California in this proclamation with due recognition and honor, and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education recognizes in its Policy Statement on Multicultural Education that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

WHEREAS, the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Transitional Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve states that the history curriculum of the community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of all people and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Board of Education proclaims the month of April as Arab American Heritage Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this time with appropriate programs and activities that celebrate the contributions of Arab Americans to the United States.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 9th day of June 2026.

BUDGET IMPLICATION: None

AYES: *Ordway, Vantee, Hurd, Bratt, Clark*
NOES: *None*
ABSENT: *None*
ABSTAINED: *None*



CJ Cammack, Superintendent and Secretary
to the Governing Board of San Ramon Valley
Unified School District