

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

March 28, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Arab American Heritage Month—April 2011

WHEREAS, Since the first Arab immigrants came to these shores, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich history and the traditions of Arab culture; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans are a highly diverse people, differing in ancestral origins, religious backgrounds, and historic identities, sharing a heritage through a common language and cultural traditions, which bind their community; and

WHEREAS, In science, medicine, education, business, culture, and government service, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to every aspect of American life; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County is home to a thriving Arab American community whose valued presence has added to the rich aesthetic mosaic of our county; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby declare the month of April 2011 to be observed in Montgomery County Public Schools as Arab American Heritage Month.

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