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Assembly Resolution No. 1064

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2018, as Arab-American Heritage Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, April is recognized by the United States Congress as Arab-American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly two million Arab-Americans live in the United States, 400,000 of whom call New York State home; and

WHEREAS, Arabs have made significant contributions to the advancements of Algebra, Trigonometry, Astronomy, Engineering and Physics; and

WHEREAS, Since their migration to the United States, individuals of Arab descent have made important contributions to the growth of the United States in various fields; and

WHEREAS, Individuals of Arab descent have long served our nation in public office as cabinet appointees, members of Congress, United States Senators and in state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Arab-Americans have used their culture, traditions, work ethic and commitment to education and diversity in faith as tools to

strengthen communities across New York State; and

WHEREAS, History has shown that Arab-Americans have long been subjected to bigotry through hate crimes and hate speech; and

WHEREAS, Increasing education and public awareness is crucial to combatting instances of civil rights abuse, hatred and racism towards Arab-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Arab-Americans have contributed greatly to the success and growth of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim April 2018, as Arab-American Heritage Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.