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**PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

**RESOLUTION No. SP23-R009**



**Resolution for adding SWANA Heritage Month to the PGSG Calendar**

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**WHEREAS,** Purdue University’s value statement reads, “We are a unified community that respects each other by embracing diversity...” and Purdue considers diversity as one of its six pillars; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States recognizes National Arab American Heritage Month as the month of April;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** The term Arab and Middle Eastern were used previously, has been replaced with Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA), as previously defined in resolution FA22-R009 to be more inclusive of cultures, religions, and ethnic groups unique to the region; and

**WHEREAS,** As indicated in Exhibit “A,” several universities recognize SWANA Heritage Month in April.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED,** That PGSG recognizes April as the SWANA heritage month starting from April 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That PGSG will mark April as SWANA heritage month on its calendar.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.state.gov/recognizing-national-arab-american-heritage-month/>

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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President, PGSG

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Senate Chair, PGSS

## Certification

I, Mary Brown, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed as emergency legislation and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES (41):** Agricultural and Biological Engineering - Mike Sserunjogi  
Agricultural Economics - Haseeb Daudzai  
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication - Bryanna Nelson  
Animal Sciences - Sarah Innis  
Anthropology - Olivia Palepoi  
Basic Medical Sciences - Siyuan Sun  
Biochemistry - Steven McKenzie  
Biological Sciences - Morgan Chaney  
Biomedical Engineering - Michael Zimmerman  
Botany and Plant Pathology - Ricky Critchfield  
Chemical Engineering - Annie Sun  
Chemistry - Solita Wilson  
Civil Engineering - Agustin Quinones  
Communication - Savannah Meier  
Comparative Literature - Marisa J. Bryans  
Computer Science - Jacob White  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences - Austin Blevins  
Economics - Talha Cakir  
Electrical and Computer Engineering - Somosmita Mitra  
Engineering Education - Barbara Fagundes  
Engineering Technology - Pragatheiswar Giri  
English - Christopher Barber  
Environmental and Ecological Engineering - Aliya Edhe  
Forestry and Natural Resources - Ken Yao Chong  
Health Sciences - Sydney Stradtman  
History - Secret Permenter  
Hospitality and Tourism Management - Rachel Zhang  
Human Development and Family Studies - Amy Loviska  
Industrial Engineering - Utkuhan Genc  
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC) - Antonia Susnjar  
Materials Engineering - Daniel Sinclair  
Nuclear Engineering - Stepan Ozerov  
Nutrition Science - Julia Choi  
Philosophy - Mary Brown  
Physics and Astronomy - Shayamal Singh  
Public Health - Sidney Smith

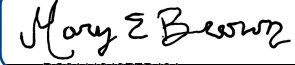
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe) - Lauren Wilbanks  
Sociology - Reilly Kincaid  
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences - Brooke Rodgers  
Statistics - Imon Banerjee  
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation - Elizabeth Thompson

**NAYS (0):**

**ABSENT (9):** Agronomy - Binod Gyawali  
Aviation and Transportation Technology - Shantanu Gupta  
Curriculum and Instruction - Theodora Amuah  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Alaunie Smiley  
Food Science - Anaël Kimble  
Global Supply Chain Management - Rohan Saini  
Languages and Cultures - Santiago Parra Giraldo  
Management - Arindam Roy Chowdhury  
Political Science - Matthew Ellis

**ABSTAINED (6):** Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE) - Neha Shakelly  
Educational Studies - Stephanie Contreras  
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture - Camila Ulloa Gomez  
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy - Pradnya Prakash Bapat  
Mechanical Engineering - Meghavin Bhatasana  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences - Ojo Oluwabunmi T.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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Senate Clerk, PGSS

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**UNIVERSITIES THAT CELEBRATE SWANA HERITAGE MONTH**

[SEE ATTACHED ONE (1) PAGE]

University of Maryland

<https://elm.umaryland.edu/elm-stories/Elm-Stories-Content/UMB-Celebrates-Southwest-Asian-and-North-African-Heritage.php>

San Diego State University

<https://sacd.sdsu.edu/intercultural-relations/swana>

[https://www.sdsualumni.org/s/997/22/page.aspx?sid=997&gid=1&pgid=8941#:~:text=S WANA%20represents%20the%20various%20communities,recognized%20as%20the%20Middle%20East.](https://www.sdsualumni.org/s/997/22/page.aspx?sid=997&gid=1&pgid=8941#:~:text=S%20WANA%20represents%20the%20various%20communities,recognized%20as%20the%20Middle%20East.)

Cypress College

<https://cypresscollege.libguides.com/c.php?g=1232769&p=9035929>

University of Michigan

<https://www.michigandaily.com/campus-life/mesa-hosts-virtual-arab-heritage-month/>