

# Palestinian Cultural Day

**WHEREAS, Palestinians** trace their roots back to the historic land of Palestine and profess many faiths; and

**WHEREAS, Palestinian** culture is presented through books, poetry, music, dance, oral history, folktales, proverbs, and handicrafts made with cross-stitch embroidery patterns that often display ethnic or regional identity and honor a rich cultural legacy from centuries past that are important symbols of Palestinian culture; and

**WHEREAS, Palestinians** have embraced for over 2,000 years core values such as love of family, commitment to education, hospitality, and reverence for land, community empowerment, strong sense of justice and they now share these values with the residents of Alameda County; and

**WHEREAS, Palestinian** residents of Alameda County now number approximately 20,000 and continue to make major contributions to the County in the fields of arts and culture, community organizing, student activism, law and medicine, and are valued members of the community as small business owners; and

**WHEREAS, Palestinians** living in Alameda County will hold the second annual ***Palestinian Cultural Day*** that honors the local Palestinian community and its contributions to the County’s civic life as well as the historical and cultural contributions of Palestinians throughout the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California does hereby proclaim **June 24, 2014** as ***Palestinian Cultural Day*** and recognizes the contributions of the local Palestinian population to Alameda County residents and communities.

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*June 24, 2014*

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