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ARAB HERITAGE MONTH
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS that the City of Chicago, Mayor Richard M. Daley, has proclaimed the month of November to be Arab American Heritage Month in Chicago, and encouraged all citizens to be aware of the many contributions that Arab Americans have made to our country; and

that Harold Washington College proudly joins with the City of Chicago in celebrating Arab American Culture and its contributions in the Arts and Sciences; and

that Harold Washington College's Arab Heritage Month Committee, convened and chaired by College Advisor, Saed Rihani, which includes faculty from the Social Science Department including Misbahudeen Ahmed-Rufai, Laith Al-Saud, Margaret Johnson, and Dept. Chairperson Lynnel Kiely; and coordinated a two-day event, November 29-30, 2006, which included a "Debke" dance troupe, Academic Lectures on the Contributions of Arab Americans in the areas of Arts and Sciences, as well as a discussion of the Arab World and its Heritage. A delicious taste of Arabic food was served on both days. Fatimah S. Baeshen, Cultural Outreach Coordinator from the Arab Arts Council, of the Arab American Action Network was our special guest speaker. Also, a mini-museum of Arab Heritage was on display on both days in the College Lobby; and

that this two-day event attracted over 225 persons including students, faculty, administrators and guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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