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County of Cook and State of Illinois

Arab Heritage Month
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that November has been proclaimed as Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Chicago. Mayor Richard M. Daley has 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 Co-Chaired by Assistant Professor Athir Mahmud, Computer Information Systems, and College Advisor, Saed Rihani, with the capable assistance by students from OASIS (Organization of Arab Students Instructors and Staff) Club, as well as Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) coordinated events throughout the month of November, and;

that at least 275 students and faculty turned out for the kick-off event entitled "Defining Arabs" held on November 4th. It included a presentation about the culture and contributions of Arabs to the arts and sciences. Students were challenged with a Q & A session to see how much they already knew about Arab culture, and;

that on November 10th, 2009, a traditional "debke" dance troupe entertained students and staff. A delicious taste of Arabic food and/or desserts was served on all days.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis
Interim Chancellor

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