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RALEIGH – The Triangle Lebanese Association (www.tlanc.org) will host its 8th Annual Lebanese Festival on Saturday May 6, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM at the Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. The day-long event will feature a center stage with music and dance performances, including Dabke, the traditional Lebanese ensemble dance, and belly dancing. Audience participation will be encouraged. Delicious Lebanese food will be served all day and will include traditional dishes such as tabouleh, hummus, chicken & beef shawarma, falafel, and sweets. Local vendors will staff booths offering services and selling middle-eastern goods.

For the second year, the Festival will feature an *informative forum* on a topic of interest to festival attendees. This year's forum will be a live panel discussion on the current *status of democracy in Lebanon* and future outlook. Panelists will be announced at a later date.

The mission of the Triangle Lebanese Association (TLA) is to preserve and promote the Lebanese culture and heritage, and provide an exchange of information between the Lebanese, American, and other cultures through social, cultural, and humanitarian endeavors. The Lebanese Educational Center (LEC) is a tax-exempt, non-profit, educational center of the TLA. It seeks to implement the mission of the TLA via educational activities and outreach.

(Please see attached flyer for the Festival)