

1 [Celebrating and Recognizing the Cultural and Historical Significance of Nowruz, the Persian
2 New Year]

3 **Resolution celebrating and recognizing the cultural contributions of Persian culture**
4 **and history to modern society on the occasion of the celebration of Nowruz, the**
5 **Persian New Year.**

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7 WHEREAS, Nowruz marks the traditional Iranian New Year, which originated in ancient
8 Persia, and dates back more than 3,000 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Nowruz, meaning a “New Day,” occurs on the vernal equinox and
10 celebrates the arrival of spring; and

11 WHEREAS, Nowruz symbolizes a time of renewal and community, it harkens the
12 departure from the trials and tribulations of the previous year and brings hope for the New
13 Year; and

14 WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by more than 90,000,000 people all over the world,
15 including in Iran, Afghanistan, China, United States of America, India, Tajikistan, Turkey and
16 beyond; and

17 WHEREAS, Nowruz is a nonreligious and universal celebration of the arrival of spring
18 celebrated by Iranian Americans of all backgrounds, including those with Baha’i, Christian,
19 Jewish, Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

20 WHEREAS, Nowruz serves to remind the United States of the many lasting
21 contributions of the Persian civilization to the world and the noteworthy impact of Iranian
22 Americans to the social and economic fabric of society in the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Iranian Americans continue to make contributions in all sectors of
24 American public life, including as government, military, and law enforcement officials working
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1 to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to protect all people in the United States;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Nowruz embodies the tradition that each individual's thinking, speaking,
4 and conduct should always be virtuous, and the ideal of compassion for our fellow human
5 beings regardless of ethnicity or religion, and connects the Persian New Year to the values of
6 human rights; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco celebrates and recognizes the
8 historical significance of Nowruz; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco expresses its
10 appreciation for the contributions of Iranian Americans to society in the San Francisco Bay
11 Area in observance of Nowruz; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco wishes Iranian
13 Americans and the people of Iran and all those who observe this holiday a prosperous new
14 year.



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March 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/15/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

3/25/2022

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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3/25/2022
Date