

1 [Recognizing The Cultural and Historical Significance of Nowruz, Persian New Year - March
2 19, 2024]

3 **Resolution recognizing and celebrating the contributions of Persian culture and history**
4 **to modern society on the celebration of Nowruz, Persian New Year, March 19, 2024.**

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6 WHEREAS, Nowruz marks the traditional Persian New Year, which originated in
7 ancient Persia, and has been celebrated by diverse communities for over 3,000 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Nowruz, meaning a "New Day," occurs on the vernal equinox, the moment
9 at which the Sun crosses the celestial equator and equalizes night and day, and celebrates
10 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 Persians 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 particularly
23 California; and

24 WHEREAS, Nowruz embodies the tradition that one's thinking, speaking,
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1 and conduct should always be virtuous, as well as the ideal of compassion for our fellow
2 human beings regardless of ethnicity or religion, and connects the Persian New Year to the
3 values of human rights; and

4 WHEREAS, The United Nations officially recognized the "International Day of Nowruz"
5 with the adoption of Resolution No. 64/253 by the United Nations General Assembly in
6 February 2010; 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 recognizes March
13 19, 2024, as Nowruz and wishes Persians and the people of Iran and all those who observe
14 this holiday a prosperous new year.



City and County of San Francisco

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March 26, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/26/2024 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

04-05-2024

London N. Breed
Mayor

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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Date