

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8662

By Senators Habib, Roach, Fraser, and Fain

1 WHEREAS, The spring equinox is celebrated as Nowruz, the Persian  
2 New Year, a celebration which originated in ancient Persia more than  
3 3,000 years ago, and which was celebrated this year on March 21st;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by nearly 300 million people of  
6 different faiths and diverse communities across the globe, and by  
7 more than 1,000,000 Iranian-Americans, including tens of thousands in  
8 Washington State and including those with Bahá'í, Christian, Jewish,  
9 Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States is a melting pot of ethnicities and  
11 religions, and Nowruz contributes to the richness of American culture  
12 and is consistent with our founding principles of peace and  
13 prosperity for all; and

14 WHEREAS, Iranian-Americans have made and continue to make  
15 noteworthy and lasting contributions to the social and economic  
16 fabric of society in the United States, and Nowruz presents a time to  
17 recognize those contributions; and

18 WHEREAS, Iranian-Americans continue to make contributions in all  
19 sectors of public life in the United States, including as government,  
20 military, and law enforcement officials working to uphold the  
21 Constitution of the United States and to protect all people in the  
22 United States; and

23 WHEREAS, Nowruz means "New Day," and represents an opportunity  
24 for renewal and reaffirmation of our commitment to each other and to  
25 our shared health, success, and happiness; and

26 WHEREAS, Nowruz is a time for all of us to come together and  
27 celebrate the values of virtuous behavior and compassion for our  
28 fellow human beings regardless of religion or ethnicity;

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
30 celebrate the honored holiday of Nowruz, recognize the historical and  
31 cultural significance thereof, and wish a happy and prosperous new  
32 year to all.

33 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,

1 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
2 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8662,  
3 adopted by the Senate  
4 April 9, 2015

5 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
6 Secretary of the Senate