

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Kuderer and Billig

1 WHEREAS, The Persian New Year, or Nowruz, originated in ancient
2 Persia more than 3,000 years ago and is celebrated annually on the
3 spring equinox, which this year fell on March 20th; and

4 WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by nearly 300 million people across
5 the globe of different faiths and diverse communities, and by more
6 than 1 million Americans, including tens of thousands in Washington
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, In this time where mistrust and fear often threaten to
9 divide us, the spirit of Nowruz inspires us to realize our
10 commonalities and strive for new levels of compassion, understanding,
11 and love for our fellow human beings irrespective of religion or
12 ethnicity; and

13 WHEREAS, Iranian-Americans have made and continue to make
14 noteworthy and lasting contributions to Washington state through
15 their leadership in business, government, higher education, medicine,
16 military service, and many other arenas; and

17 WHEREAS, Nowruz presents a fitting opportunity to recognize these
18 contributions; and

19 WHEREAS, Nowruz is a time for all of us to come together and
20 celebrate the universal values of generosity, compassion, and
21 selflessness;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
23 celebrate the honored holiday of Nowruz; recognize the historical and

1 cultural significance thereof; and wish a happy and prosperous new
2 year to all.

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