

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Kuderer, Billig, and Saldaña

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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