



IN RECOGNITION OF NOWRUZ, THE PERSIAN NEW YEAR

WHEREAS, Nowruz translates into "new day" in Farsi and marks the beginning of Spring, the day of the vernal equinox, and is the name of the Persian New Year; and

WHEREAS, March 20th is the start of the celebration of Nowruz in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by more than 300 million people around the world and has been celebrated for over 3,000 years by various ethnic groups and diverse communities; and

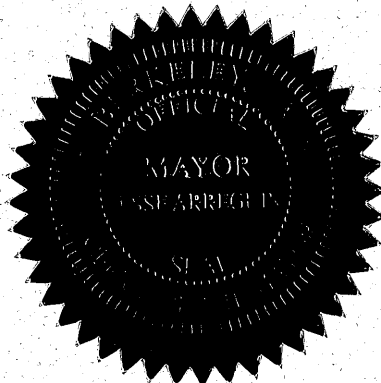
WHEREAS, this day of celebration is a secular holiday, enjoyed by people of different faiths, one of the few celebrations of an ancient Persian culture that is not confined to a specific religious group; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz plays a significant role in strengthening the ties among peoples based on mutual respect and the ideals of peace and good neighborliness; and

WHEREAS, its traditions and rituals reflect the cultural and ancient customs of the civilizations of the East and West.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguín, Mayor of Berkeley, and the entire City Council, wish our friends and neighbors in Persian communities throughout Berkeley and the Bay Area, a Happy Nowruz!

Jesse Arreguín
Mayor



March 22, 2022