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**Proclaiming March 20 as Nowruz in Los Angeles County**

Nowruz, meaning "new day" in Persian, is an ancient celebration that marks the arrival of spring and the beginning of the Persian New Year. This joyous holiday, observed by millions of people around the world, has been celebrated for over 3,000 years across the Middle East, Central Asia, and beyond. Rooted in traditions that emphasize renewal, hope, and unity, Nowruz brings together families and communities to share in festivities that honor cultural heritage and foster a spirit of inclusivity and joy.

Nowruz embodies principles of renewal, togetherness, and the strength of community bonds. It is a time of reflection, gratitude, and optimism as people welcome a new year filled with prosperity and harmony. The holiday is traditionally celebrated with gatherings, festive meals, music, dancing, and the preparation of the "Haft-Seen" table, which includes symbolic items representing health, happiness, and abundance.

In Los Angeles County, home to one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in the world, Nowruz serves as a reminder of the rich cultural contributions made by Iranian Americans and other communities that celebrate this holiday. Iranian Angelenos have also played a critical role in supporting their neighbors in times of crisis, including stepping up to provide aid and relief during devastating wildfires. By recognizing Nowruz, Los Angeles County reaffirms its

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commitment to diversity, cultural appreciation, and the values of renewal and community support that Nowruz represents.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim March 20 as Nowruz in Los Angeles County in 2025.
2. Encourage communities across Los Angeles County to celebrate the contributions of Iranian Americans and all who observe Nowruz by engaging in cultural activities that promote inclusivity, peace, and renewal.

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