



Proclamation

of the Mayor
of the City of Los Altos, California

WHEREAS, different cultures celebrate a New Year at various times as a way to look forward with joy and optimism; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz, meaning “New Day,” marks the vernal equinox and the beginning of spring, and is about celebrating renewal; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz is one of the oldest of humanity’s holidays – extending perhaps 5,000 years; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Nowruz promotes values of peace and solidarity between and within families and neighborliness, thus contributing to cultural diversity and friendship among peoples and different communities; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz, also transliterated as Nawrouz, Novruz, Nowrouz, Nauryz, Nooruz, Navruz, marks the start of the new year for more than 300 million people including Iranian, Afghani, Tajik, Kurdish, Turkish, Uzbek, Balouch, Kyrgyz, Parsi, and Azeri communities; faith communities such as Zoroastrian, Muslim, Jewish, Christian and Baha’i; and those who trace their heritage to many locations in the Persian Gulf, the Balkans, the Black Sea Basin, the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East and other regions; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz is a holiday on the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and

WHEREAS, many who celebrate Nowruz honor nature with traditions such as street performances of music and dance, public rituals involving fire and water, traditional sports and the making of handicrafts; and

WHEREAS, Nowruz concludes after 13 days with the gathering of family and friends in natural environments; and

WHEREAS, after a year of darkness and being apart from one another, Nowruz is the messenger of better, brighter days ahead and a reminder of what connects all people as a community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Anita Enander, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the entire Los Altos City Council, do hereby

- (1) Recognize the cultural and historical significance of Nowruz;
- (2) In observance of Nowruz, express our deepest respect for all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion and wish them “Nowruz Mobarak;” and
- (3) Hope that the symbolism of Nowruz – for better, brighter days ahead – will be shared by all in our community for the coming year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 8th day of March, 2022.

Anita Enander, MAYOR