



Office of the Mayor  
CITY OF VANCOUVER  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Proclamation

### "NOWRUZ (NEW YEAR) CELEBRATION"

- WHEREAS** Nowruz, which marks the beginning of Spring and the arrival of the new year for hundreds of millions of people around the world for thousands of years, including many Vancouverites of Iranian, Afghan, Kurdish, and Azeri descent, as well as Zoroastrian, Bahai and Ismaili communities, among others;
- AND WHEREAS** Nowruz is a reminder of hope for brighter days, after a long, dark winter, and embodied in the fire of 'Chahar-Shanbeh Souri', marking the last Tuesday night before the arrival of Nowruz;
- AND WHEREAS** The Spirit of Nowruz is about connecting people through our mutual values, beyond geographical, religious, ethnic, and linguistic boundaries, even at a time of separation;
- AND WHEREAS** Nowruz honours our deep connection with mother Nature, glorified in the Sprouted grains, 'Sabzeh', the Tulip festival of Balkh, and 'Sizdah Bedar', the thirteenth day of Nowruz;
- AND WHEREAS** Different elements of life are represented in the Haft-Sin table;
- AND WHEREAS** The City of Vancouver has officially recognized Nowruz since 2019, this year we will celebrate virtually together even though we are physically apart;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as

### "NOWRUZ CELEBRATION"

in the City of Vancouver.

Kennedy Stewart  
MAYOR

