



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"NOWRUZ (NEW YEAR) CELEBRATION"

WHEREAS Spring is a time of rebirth of nature;

AND WHEREAS The spring equinox marks the day of Nowruz/Nawruz;

AND WHEREAS Nowruz/Nawruz is the beginning of the new year for many Vancouverites, transcending borders, and connecting communities including Iranians, Afghans, Tajiks, Azeris, Kurds, Uzbeks, as well as Zoroastrians, Ismailis, and Bahá'ís;

AND WHEREAS Nowruz/Nawruz connects people based on their mutual values of humanity, embodied in the message of Woman, Life, Freedom, and reminds us that a "New Day" shall prevail and darkness and injustice will be defeated;

AND WHEREAS Through thousands of years, Nowruz/Nawruz prevailed as the forever "Pirouz" (Victorious), despite all the animosity;

AND WHEREAS The "Haft Seen" table, complimented with "Haft Mewa," embodies the spirit of life and rejuvenation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Monday, March 20th, 2023 as

"THE DAY OF NOWRUZ/NAWRUZ"

in the City of Vancouver.



Ken Sim
MAYOR