



City of Mission Viejo

Proclamation

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Mission Viejo
Recognizing the Beginning of the

Nowruz

Whereas, for several thousand years, many people have celebrated the Persian New Year in conjunction with the coming of spring as a time of natural and spiritual renewal; and

Whereas, the first day when daylight is longer than night marks the commencement of this special holiday; and

Whereas, in the early years, this holiday was marked by religious activities in the morning with entertainment and feasting later in the day for the light to defeat the darkness; and

Whereas, more recent traditions surrounding this holiday vary among cultures but may include enjoying nature and the great outdoors, feasting with family members and friends, decorating or arranging seasonal displays in the home and wishing for a brighter future; and

Whereas, on Friday, March 20, 2016, many Mission Viejo residents will mark the coming of spring by celebrating Nowruz.

Now, therefore, I, Frank Ury, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize March 20, 2016, as the beginning of *Nowruz* and on this occasion do encourage residents to share and enjoy the traditions, values and beliefs that surround this holiday with their family members and friends.

March 23, 2016

Frank Ury, Mayor