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**Title:** Recognition of historical and cultural significance of Norooz,  
Iranian New Year

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Health and Human Relations

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Whereas Norooz marks the traditional Iranian New Year on March 21 of each year, which has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years and dates back to ancient Persia; and

**WHEREAS** Norooz, or "New Day", marks the arrival of spring and is celebrated on the vernal equinox; and

**WHEREAS** a form of the vernal equinox celebration commonly known as Norooz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of Iranians and other peoples all over the world, including as Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in Afghanistan, as well as in the United States and other countries in Central Asia, South Asia, Caucasus, Crimea, and Balkan Regions; and

**WHEREAS** Iranian Americans of all backgrounds celebrate Norooz, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS** Persian civilization has contributed greatly to the world and the Iranian-American community has made a profound impact on the social and economic fabric of the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the people of Iran continue to stand up to authoritarianism and promote women's rights and freedom; and

**WHEREAS** Iranian Americans continue to make positive contributions in all sectors of American public life; and

**WHEREAS** Norooz symbolizes a time of renewal and community, it harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the previous year and brings hope for the New Year; and

**WHEREAS** Iranian Americans maintain strong ties to the people of Iran; and

**WHEREAS** Iranian Americans desire to see a peaceful, prosperous and democratic Iran that respects human rights; and

**WHEREAS** Norooz connects the Persian New Year to the values of human rights and embodies the ideal of compassion for our fellow human beings regardless of ethnicity or religion;

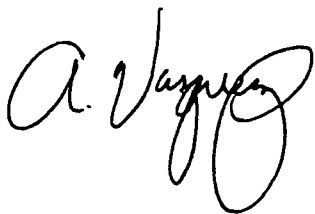
**WHEREAS**, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here on this 1 day of Feb, 2023 do hereby

- (1) recognize the historical and cultural significance of Norooz;
- (2) express appreciation for the contributions of Iranian Americans to American society on the occasion of Norooz;
- (3) recognize the hopes and aspirations of all people, including the people of Iran for human rights, peace, prosperity and religious tolerance as embodied in the spirit of Norooz;
- (4) commend the observance of the Norooz holiday in the United States, Iran and everywhere else that it is celebrated;
- (5) strongly support the right of all Iranians to their internationally-recognized human rights, including to exercise freedom of assembly, expression, and speech; and
- (6) wish the people of Iran, Iranian Americans and all those who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous Norooz.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the National Iranian American Council (NIAC) as a symbol of our esteem.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Vasquez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Andre Vasquez, Jr.  
Alderman, 40th Ward

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