

# City of Laguna Niguel



## Proclamation

### Honoring Persian New Year “Nowruz”

***WHEREAS,** for several thousand years, many people have celebrated the Persian New Year known as “Nowruz” on the first day of spring, when the sun crosses the celestial equator in the Northern Hemisphere and the length of the day and night are the same; and*

***WHEREAS,** the commencement of this holiday symbolizes the affirmation of life in harmony with nature, celebrating an awareness of the inseparable link between constructive labor and natural cycles of renewal; and*

***WHEREAS,** Nowruz continues to be a significant celebration for the Persian community and 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 include enjoying nature and the great outdoors, feasting with family members and friends, arranging seasonal displays in the home and wishing for a brighter future; and*

***WHEREAS,** the City of Laguna Niguel, in honor of the bountiful history of our Persian community, will mark the coming of spring by celebrating Nowruz, promoting intercultural understanding and encouraging mutual respect and universal acceptance of cultural diversity.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Laguna Niguel City Council honors and signifies March 20, 2021 as the beginning of “Nowruz” and encourages Laguna Niguel residents to share and enjoy the traditions, values and beliefs that surround this holiday with their family members and friends.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Minagar', written over a horizontal line.

**Fred Minagar, Mayor**

