

Enrolled
House Bill 3768

Sponsored by Representatives CHAICHI, JAVADI, TRAN; Representatives HARTMAN, NGUYEN
H, Senators JAMA, MANNING JR

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to Nowruz Day; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas Nowruz, the Persian New Year, originated over 3,000 years ago in the Iranian religion of Zoroastrianism; and

Whereas Nowruz, meaning “new day,” marks the first day of spring, symbolizing renewal through the rebirth of nature, promoting peace and solidarity across communities and celebrating all that has come before through rituals and shared meals; and

Whereas Nowruz is marked by the presentation of the Haft-seen table, a traditional arrangement of seven symbolic items with names starting with the letter “s,” including seer (garlic, symbolizing health), sabzeh (sprouts, symbolizing rebirth), seeb (apple, symbolizing beauty), serkeh (vinegar, symbolizing age), senjed (dried oleaster fruit, symbolizing love), saman (wheat paste, symbolizing sweetness of life) and somagh (sumac, symbolizing patience); and

Whereas Nowruz is rooted in the traditions of the Iranian peoples, but it has spread to countries in the Caucasus, the Black Sea Basin, the Balkans, throughout Asia and all across the world; and

Whereas Nowruz transcends borders and unifies peoples of diverse ethnicities, cultures, languages and religions and it is celebrated by countless immigrants living in Oregon; and

Whereas in a time of continuing strife in Iran and throughout the world, Nowruz continues to spread its hallmark message of eternal optimism, rejuvenation and new beginnings; and

Whereas March 21 has been officially designated as International Nowruz Day by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. March 21 of each year is designated as Nowruz Day.

SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House April 8, 2025

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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