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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SR 24  
Author: Wahab (D), et al.  
Introduced: 2/25/25  
Vote: Majority

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**SUBJECT:** Nowroz

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution joins all communities throughout the state in celebrating the Spring Equinox, recognizes March 21, 2025, as the International Day of Nowroz, and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Nowroz to all Californians.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nowroz, the day of the vernal equinox, is celebrated as the beginning of the traditional new year by more than 300 million people around the world. It is celebrated on the exact day of the astronomical northward equinox, which occurs on or around March 21.
- 2) Nowroz is a combination of two Dari words: the first, “now,” means new, and the second, “roz,” means day. Together they mean “new day,” which commemorates the new year for many Afghan and Central Asian communities all over the world.
- 3) The “new day” symbolizes a commitment to springtime renewal, peace, and overall solidarity between generations, families, and communities. Nowroz 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.
- 4) The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International Nowroz Day at the enterprise of several countries that uphold this global tradition, and the first global Nowroz festival, held the same year, serves to remind us of the many noteworthy and lasting contributions of Persian culture to the ever-growing social and economic tapestry of our country. After thousands of years in the

making, Nowroz remains beloved, universal, and deeply embedded in Persian culture.

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**Related/Prior Legislation**

SCR 126 (Wahab, Resolution Chapter 78, Statutes of 2024).

SCR 37 (Wahab, Resolution Chapter 70, Statutes of 2023).

SB 461 (Wahab, Chapter 398, Statutes of 2023).

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 3/4/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 3/4/25)

None received

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