RESOLUTION NUMBER R-298962 ADOPTED ON MAR 1 5 2004

WHEREAS, the first day of spring marks the start of Norooz, the Persian New Year and the oldest tradition in Iran; and

WHEREAS, Norooz, which means "new day," has been an integral part of the Persian culture, celebrating not only a renewal of nature, but also a renewal of friendships and the forging of new ones; and

WHEREAS, this year the Iranian-American community in San Diego and around the world will be celebrating Norooz, the Persian New Year of 1383; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian-American community has enriched the quality of life in San Diego with its rich cultural heritage, has contributed to the educational, civic, and social programs which embody the essence of San Diego, and has extended the joy of Norooz to all citizens of our great City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby join in the celebration of Norooz, the Persian New Year, and recognize the many significant contributions that Iranian-Americans have made to our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 20, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "IRANIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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