

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4685, by Representatives Farivar and Salahuddin

1 WHEREAS, The Persian New Year, or Nowruz, which originated in the
2 Iranian plateau more than 3,000 years ago and is celebrated annually
3 marking the Spring Equinox in the northern hemisphere, this year will
4 fall on March 20th at 7:46 a.m.; and

5 WHEREAS, Nowruz is a significant cultural holiday that is
6 celebrated by nearly 300,000,000 people across the globe of different
7 faiths and cultures, including individuals in Iran, Afghanistan,
8 Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, the Hazara
9 community, and many other communities and countries, more than
10 1,000,000 Americans, and tens of thousands in Washington state; and

11 WHEREAS, Nowruz welcomes spring and regrowth after winter and
12 periods of cold and dormancy and it celebrates nature, life, and
13 opportunity for regrowth and blossoming; and

14 WHEREAS, For many who observe Nowruz, particularly within Iran
15 and the Iranian diaspora including those within Washington state,
16 this season of renewal recognizes the importance of dignity, safety,
17 basic freedoms, justice, and self-determination; and

18 WHEREAS, In this time where mistrust and fear often threaten to
19 divide us, the spirit of Nowruz inspires us to realize our
20 commonalities and strive for new levels of compassion, understanding,
21 and love for our fellow human beings irrespective of religion or
22 ethnicity; and

