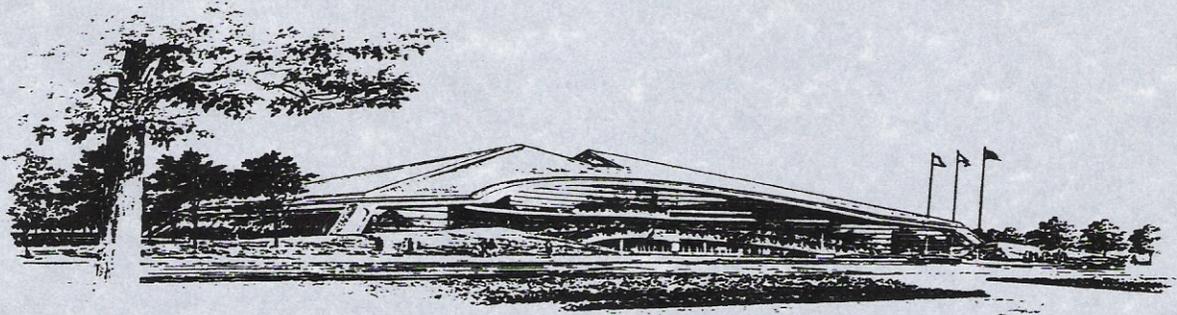


City of
FRESNO
PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, this city is and has been home to many native people from wide and varied cultures; and

WHEREAS, each of these cultures has many unique yet common attributes that enhance and enrich the United States of America, the state of California and the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes the need for its citizens to have the opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people, to develop pride in their own identity; ethnicity; heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

WHEREAS, Norouz, the Iranian New Year celebration always begins on the first day of spring; and

WHEREAS, Norouz is celebrated in other countries besides Iran, Azerbaijan, Central Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and in some parts of India, Iraq and Turkey; and

WHEREAS, Norouz ceremonies are symbolic representations of two ancient concepts—the end and the Rebirth: or good and evil; and

WHEREAS, Norouz is celebrated around the world at the same exact time because it is aligned with the spring Equinox (when the sun is setting at the South Pole and rising at the North Pole); and

WHEREAS, the United Nations recognizes the first day of spring as Earth Day when the Peace Bells ring at UN headquarters; and

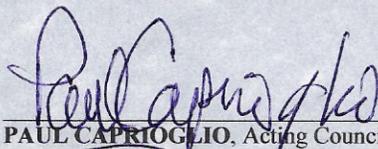
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Council members of the City of Fresno proclaim the first day of spring as Norouz, and

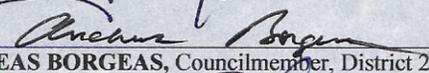
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Fresno joins

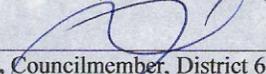
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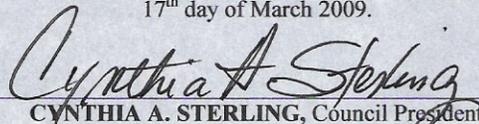
and encourage the community to join us in honoring its observance.

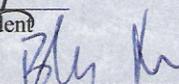
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno this 17th day of March 2009.


PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Acting Council President


ANDREAS BORGEAS, Councilmember, District 2


LEE BRAND, Councilmember, District 6


CYNTHIA A. STERLING, Council President


BLONG XIONG, Councilmember, District 1


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