WHEREAS, Iranian/Persian history dates back to 3000 BC and the people of Iran have celebrated NoRooz, the New Year, on the first day of spring for 3000 years; and

WHEREAS, NoRooz has been celebrated by Iranians for centuries as the day of triumph of Good over Evil; and

WHEREAS, there is a large population of Iranian-Americans in the City of Albany who greatly contribute to the economy of the City, and consistently participate in civic events toward maintaining and improving the quality of life in our great community; and

WHEREAS, NoRooz begins at the exact moment of the vernal equinox, which will be at 9:15:28 AM Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday March 20, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Albany sends greetings and wishes in celebration of the NoRooz, Iranian/Persian New Year, and urge all of our community members to become more aware of this beautiful tradition, the cultural marvels of the ancient Persian civilization and the contributions of Iranian-Americans to the City of Albany.

Dated: March 19, 2018

[Peggy McQuaid, Mayor]