

REFERENCE TITLE: Assyrian New Year; recognizing.

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Introduced by
Senator Kern

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 1, 2023 AS THE ASSYRIAN NEW YEAR.

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1 Whereas, Assyrians, a Semitic people, are the indigenous people of
2 Mesopotamia who have lived in the Middle East since ancient times,
3 including in what is today Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria; and

4 Whereas, Assyrians have been instrumental in developing major
5 technological advances throughout world history, including irrigation
6 systems, city canal systems, the wheel, the magnifying glass, arch and
7 dome architecture, astronomical calculations, time measurement and much
8 more; and

9 Whereas, collectively there are more than 600,000 Assyrians in the
10 United States, including tens of thousands in Arizona; and

11 Whereas, the Assyrian New Year symbolizes a time of spring, rebirth
12 and renewal and is one of the most revered traditions in modern and
13 ancient Assyrian history; and

14 Whereas, concluding on April 1, the Assyrian New Year is celebrated
15 for 12 days by holding large celebrations, family gatherings, parades and
16 festivals; and

17 Whereas, the Assyrians of today will be celebrating the year 6773;
18 and

19 Whereas, the Assyrians are a proud and resourceful people who are
20 productive members of American society and enrich American culture by
21 contributing their talents in numerous fields, including accounting,
22 aerospace, agriculture, architecture, education, engineering, finance,
23 medicine, the military, motion picture and politics.

24 Therefore

25 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
26 Representatives concurring:

27 That the Members of the Legislature recognize April 1, 2023 as
28 Assyrian New Year and honor the many contributions of Assyrians, both past
29 and present.