

Chairperson
Stamp Advisory Committee
Canada Post Corporation
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Dear Chairperson:

Re: Issuance of a commemorative stamp dedicated to Nowruz

We are writing to your esteemed Committee in support of the proposal submitted by the *Nowruz Commemorative Stamp Committee* on January 30, 2015.

Nowruz, "[The] New Day" in Persian, marks the astronomical beginning of spring with over 3000 years of colourful traditions. It is a time of great joy and family festivities celebrated by over 300 million people around the world. One of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritages of Humanity, Nowruz is a secular holiday that is shared by people of many faiths and cultural background.

We are among approximately 500,000 Canadians who celebrate Nowruz around March 21, each year following traditions we inherited from our ancestors. On this day, we focus on reconciliation and neighbourliness, contributing to cultural diversity and friendship among peoples and different communities - all of which are fundamental values of the Canadian society.

Considering that the Parliament of Canada respected this cultural heritage through the Nowruz Day Act, BILL C-342 in 2009, and since it exemplifies Canada's great respect of multiculturalism and social diversity, we are writing to Canada Post in support of the proposal for a commemorative stamp dedicated to Nowruz to mark this cultural heritage of many Canadians. We thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____