

## **Welcoming Remarks**

Ihsan Efrini, Chair of KNC-NA 23rd Annual Conference

Ladies and Gentlemen,

City of Calgary and the Kurdish community are so pleased to welcome you all to the 23ed Kurdish National Congress of North America. In particular, I'm delighted to extend a special welcome to our guests from other cities, states, and countries. We are honored that you could join us today to share your insight and knowledge.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the participant about the KNCNA goals today. This organization have been serving national cause and reaching the voice of Kurds to North American officials in USA and Canada, to North American political institutions, social and human rights organizations, and North American society to let them aware of the Kurdish issues and the difficulties that they are encountering in all four part of Kurdistan.

Here, the single-mindedness of this conference is to have a eloquent and interactive dialogue between the contributors to challenge in particular the theme of our conference which is United State of Kurdistan v. Multiple Stats of Kurdistan.

All in all, it's exciting to think of the prospective if we bring our voices together and keep that harmony going on. Therefore, let's task our theme of conference. It is new day, new scenery. What will we want to do with consequence of our two day's conference? Where might it take us? Let us leave this question for Saturday, so let's start with today.