

*City of Albany*  
*Proclamation*  
IN HONOR OF LUNAR NEW YEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Lunar New Year began on February 16, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, this is year 4716 on the Chinese calendar and is also the Year of the Dog; traditionally those born in the Year of the Dog are communicative, serious, and responsible in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, the origin of the Lunar New Year, also known as spring festival, dates back centuries and was once a time to honor deities and ancestors; and

**WHEREAS**, today the celebration is observed by Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and many other Asian communities throughout the world with dinners, gathering with families, decorations, firecrackers, the traditional lion dance, and prayers for a prosperous upcoming year; and

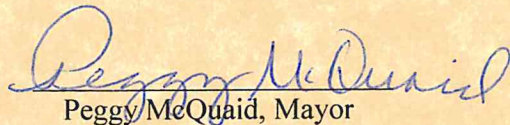
**WHEREAS**, the Asian-American community continues to be an integral part of Albany; contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life, including culturally and in education, medicine, trade, and commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 15 years the Albany Recreation Department has celebrated Lunar New Year with special programs for children; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany continued our support of the Solano Avenue Association's Lunar New Year Celebration, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City Council sends greetings and wishes for good fortune in the New Year in celebration of the Lunar New Year, Sin Nian Kwai Lo (Happy New Year) and Gung Hay Fat Choy (Congratulations & Good Fortune)!

Dated: February 20, 2017

  
Peggy McQuaid, Mayor