

City of Albany

Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF LUNAR NEW YEAR
January 22, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year begins on January 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this is the Year of the Rabbit celebrated by most of Asian Pacific communities; those born in the Year of the Rabbit are said to exhibit the values of being kind and patient, alert and quick, attentive to detail and skillful, very responsible and always treat others with respect; and

WHEREAS, while most Asian Pacific communities celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, Vietnam celebrates the Year of the Cat; those born in the Year of the Cat are said to have personality traits such as good judgment, talent, ambition, and creativeness; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars traditional to many Asian countries which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun; 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 with celebrations that can last for 15 days until the full moon; and

WHEREAS, today the celebration is observed by many Asian Pacific communities across the world with family gathering dinners, decorations, firecrackers, the traditional lion dance, and prayers; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American communities continue to be an integral part of Albany; contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Albany would like to acknowledge and recognize the Albany Asian Pacific Islander Parent Engagement Group (API-PEG) for their ongoing work to support, promote and celebrate the interests of Asian Pacific Islander students and families in Albany.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the City Council sends greetings and wishes for good fortune in the New Year to our Asian American friends as you celebrate the Lunar New Year, Xin Nian Kuai Le (Happy New Year) and Gong Hay Fat Choy (Congratulations & Good Fortune)!

Date: January 17, 2023



AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR