

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, on this first day of February in 2022, the people of Olympia join the commemoration of the first day of the Lunar New Year, which is observed in many Asian cultures around the world and by many Olympia residents, and lasting for varying amounts of time among each cultural group; and*

*WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is an important cultural event when Asian Americans celebrate their customs and traditions with familial reunion, traditional clothing, foods, and spiritual practices; and*

*WHEREAS, Lunar New Year celebrations take place each year in the Olympia community, providing opportunities for all to take part in this enriching cultural experience; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is dedicated to the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian Americans are a vital constituent of the Olympia community and the Olympia population continues to grow in diversity; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia embraces the many important cultural customs practiced within our community as we value the uniqueness of our community members; and*

*WHEREAS, recognizing cultural diversity enhances our community's understanding of one another, the different ways we make meaning and sense of the world around us, and nurtures the human spirit; and*

*WHEREAS, this is a time of joy and renewal as we reflect on our past successes and lessons learned and create new goals and objectives for the coming year; and*

*WHEREAS, in observation of this Lunar New Year, and according to the zodiac calendar observed in many Asian cultures, this year is designated as the Year of the Tiger, an animal sign characterized by courage, ambition, and a strong sense of justice - qualities that the Olympia City Council strives to emulate; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council, does hereby proclaim February 1, 2022 as*

### **LUNAR NEW YEAR**

*in the city of Olympia and encourages all residents to celebrate the richness of cultural heritage within our community and recognize the valuable contributions of Asian Americans to our community through recognition of the Lunar New Year. We wish happiness, longevity, and good fortune to everyone celebrating the Year of the Tiger.*

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Cheryl Selby, Mayor*