



City Council

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Lunar New Year

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Proclaim February 1, 2022 as Lunar New Year, the year of the Tiger, in the City of Olympia.

Report

Issue:

Whether to proclaim February 1, 2022 as Lunar New Year, the year of the Tiger, in the City of Olympia.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

Celebrated by 1.5 Million people around the world, Lunar New Year is seen as a time for new beginnings and family gathering with the overarching themes of fortune, happiness, and health.

Lunar New Year marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars, which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun. A solar year-the time it takes Earth to orbit the sun-lasts around 365 days, while a lunar year, or 12 full cycles of the Moon, is approximately 354 days.

Traditional to many east Asian countries, Lunar New Year is celebrated across several countries and territories in Asia, including China, South Korea, Singapore and Vietnam. In the U.S., it is commonly associated with what is often called Chinese New Year, the American version of China's 15-day-long festivities.

In 2022, the Lunar New Year falls on February 1 and is designated as the Year of the Tiger. The Tiger is an animal sign characterized by courage, ambition, and a strong sense of justice.

Attachments:

Proclamation