

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the traditional Lunar New Year celebration, also known as the Spring Festival, dates back as early as the fourteenth century B.C. and is celebrated uniquely in many different Asian countries, but regardless of the country, culture, religion or ethnicity, the day is a time for family reunions, gatherings, reaffirming bonds, and reflection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane, through its diverse recreational, business, and educational opportunities, has established a welcoming environment for all people, in particular for the many and differing Asian communities – Asian families that have been here for generations dating back to the 1800s with the Chinese and Japanese migrants whose labor notably helped to build this city, as well as newer Asian immigrants; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Year of the Tiger, which symbolizes leadership, diligence, and courageousness, the Lunar New Year celebration will provide the citizens of Spokane, and the entire region, a wonderful opportunity to join together for a cultural event that has not been formally celebrated in Spokane for the last 89 years:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2022 as

LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY

in Spokane and encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation by wishing all residents good health and prosperity as we welcome the new Lunar Year.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
24th day of January 2022.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

