

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

WHEREAS, 2023 is the Vietnamese Year of the Cat, believed to bring good luck and smooth sailing in Vietnam, and Chinese Year of the Rabbit, a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity. The holiday heralds fresh starts and the renewal of prosperity, happiness, and health; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year 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 Lunar New Year celebration in Spokane has become an integral community tradition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is home to a large and diverse Asian-American community that has contributed significantly to the social and economic vitality of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane believes that celebrating diversity helps to create a vibrant community in which all individuals and families are welcomed:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2023, 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
23rd day of January 2023.

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

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

