

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 Lunar New Year is celebrated over 15 days, with dates based on the lunisolar calendar. This year, the holiday runs from February 10 through February 25; and

WHEREAS, each new year is paired with one of twelve zodiac animals: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog or pig and 2024 is the powerful Year of the Dragon; and

WHEREAS, Dragon years are associated with strength, luck and good fortune. Folklore tells us these royally powerful creatures are a benevolent force for society and create 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 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 the Lunar New Year celebration in Spokane has become an integral community tradition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane believes that celebrating diversity helps to create a vibrant community in which all individuals and families feel welcome further embodying the City's motto: In Spokane We All Belong;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim February 24th 2024, 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, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
10th day of February 2024.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

