



Proclamation

of the Mayor
of the City of Los Altos, California

WHEREAS different cultures celebrate a New Year at various times as a way to look forward with joy and optimism; and

WHEREAS many ethnic communities use lunar-based calendars; and

WHEREAS Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the New Year according to the lunisolar calendar, and extends until the full moon 15 days later; and

WHEREAS February 1, 2022, marks the first day of Lunar New Year for calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS the 15th day of the New Year, according to the lunisolar calendar, is called the Lantern Festival; and

WHEREAS Lunar New Year is often referred to as “Spring Festival” in various Asian cultures; and

WHEREAS Lunar New Year began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is widely celebrated in East and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS the Asian diaspora has expanded the Lunar New Year celebration throughout the Pacific and into an annual worldwide event; and

WHEREAS Lunar New Year is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Anita Enander, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the entire Los Altos City Council do hereby

- (1) Recognize the cultural and historical significance of the Lunar New Year;
- (2) In observance of Lunar New Year, express our deepest respect for Asian Americans and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion; and
- (3) Wish Asian Americans and all individuals who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous New Year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 25th day of January 2022.

Anita Enander, MAYOR