



Proclamation

Of the Mayor

Of the City of Los Altos, California

WHEREAS, celebrated worldwide, the Chinese New Year, also globally known as the Lunar New Year, is the Spring Festival celebrating the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar, and ends on the 15th day of the year; and

WHEREAS, during the Chinese New Year, people travel great distances to gather with their families, hold reunion dinners, decorate windows and doors, light firecrackers, give money in red envelopes, and join in other traditional events, and it is a special time to honor deities and ancestors; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Chinese New Year fell on Saturday, February 10, 2024, and ended with the Lantern Festival on Saturday, February 24, 2024, and thus began the Year of the Dragon, the fifth of the twelve-year cycle of animals which appear in the Chinese Zodiac; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has a rich history and diverse population, and Chinese-Americans of our country continue to have a great impact on the nation's growth and success, serving as professional and community leaders and service providers in all aspects of our nation's way of life including as public servants, philanthropists, artists, entrepreneurs, educators, scientists and more, and they have bravely defended America, serving in each branch of the United States Armed Forces with distinction and honor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos is comprised of a diverse population of residents, business owners, and students of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos embraces the celebration of diverse cultures and promotes understanding and respect for all individuals who celebrate the Lunar New Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan D. Weinberg, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Los Altos, California, do hereby recognize the Lunar New Year and proclaim Saturday, February 10, 2024 through January 25, 2025, as the

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in the city of Los Altos, California, and call upon our citizens to join me in celebrating the Chinese New Year and in appreciating the rich traditions and many contributions Chinese culture has made to our city, state, nation, and the world.

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 27th day of February 2024.




Jonathan D. Weinberg, MAYOR