

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Nguyen

1 WHEREAS, On this 12th day of February 2021, the people of
2 Washington join the celebration of the Lunar New Year to distinguish
3 Asian American joy, culture, and diversity; and

4 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year begins on the first new moon of the
5 lunisolar calendar; and

6 WHEREAS, This year is designated as the Year of the Ox, a zodiac
7 sign characterized by diligence, persistence, and honesty that we
8 hope our chamber will strive to emulate; and

9 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year exhibits
10 Washington's commitment to preserving cultural heritage and honoring
11 the sacrifices of our Asian American ancestors; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington is home to nearly nine hundred thousand Asian
13 and Pacific Islander Americans who are an integral component of the
14 diverse fabric of our state; and

15 WHEREAS, We highlight the strength of Native Hawaiians and
16 Pacific Islanders who were disproportionately impacted by Covid-19;
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18 WHEREAS, We acknowledge the resilience of Asian American
19 frontline employees, essential workers, and small businesses through
20 the challenges of the pandemic this year; and

21 WHEREAS, We recognize the perseverance of Asian communities who
22 withstood xenophobia and racism for generations and from this
23 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a time to reflect on our successes
2 and challenges from the past, to learn from those experiences, and to
3 create new goals and objectives for the coming year; and
4 WHEREAS, We commend this Lunar New Year tradition of familial
5 reunion, and hope to reflect these practices as a unified legislative
6 body;
7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate stand in
8 solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander American communities
9 to celebrate heritage, cultural unity, and brand new beginnings
10 through the acknowledgment of the Lunar New Year.

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