

SENATE RESOLUTION

8608

By Senators Hasegawa and Conway

1 WHEREAS, January 29, 2025, marks the beginning of the Lunar New
2 Year, which is celebrated in many diverse communities around the
3 world, including in the United States and in Washington State; and

4 WHEREAS, The 2024 regular session of the Legislature passed House
5 Bill 2209 recognizing Lunar New Year as a state legal holiday; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is celebrated annually on the second
7 new moon following the winter solstice; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington is home to nearly 920,000 Asian and Pacific
9 Islander Americans of Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian,
10 Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Samoan,
11 Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Tongan, and Vietnamese descent; and

12 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is an especially significant holiday
13 in East and Southeast Asian cultures, including in Chinese,
14 Vietnamese, and Korean communities, among others; and

15 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of
16 spring and the beginning of a new year, as a time to renew family
17 ties, and to start the new year with a clean slate; and

18 WHEREAS, In the United States, Lunar New Year is commonly
19 associated with the Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring
20 Festival, in Vietnam, the holiday is known as Tet Nguyen Dan, also
21 commonly referred to as Tet, and in Korea it is known as Seollal; and

22 WHEREAS, The Lunar Calendar rotates through 12-year cycles, with
23 each year representing an animal from The Great Race, and through 60-

1 year cycles—with each animal associated with one of the five
2 elements: Metal, wood, fire, water, or earth—to create harmony
3 and balance; and

4 WHEREAS, The 2025 Lunar Year is the Year of the Wood Snake,
5 symbolizing versatility, growth, and creativity; and

6 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year in
7 communities throughout Washington State illustrates the state's
8 rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and
9 cultural diversity;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate join Asian
11 and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state, the
12 nation, and the world in celebrating January 29, 2025, as the
13 beginning of the Lunar New Year and extend best wishes for a
14 peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Washingtonians.

15 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
16 do hereby certify that this is a true and
17 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8608,
18 adopted by the Senate
19 January 31, 2025

20 SARAH BANNISTER
21 Secretary of the Senate