

## Proclamation Of the Mayor Of the City of Los Altos, California

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is the most significant holiday in many Asian and Pacific Islander cultures, with 2023 being the Year of the Rabbit; and

WHEREAS, this tradition has been observed for centuries throughout different Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) cultures, and in countries including China, the Koreas, Vietnam, and the Philippines among others; and

WHEREAS, this occasion is an opportunity to recognize the heritage and history of the AAPI community who celebrate the Lunar New Year; and

WHEREAS, amid the shameful increase in Anti-Asian hate across the country, we must continue to call out past and present racism and fight for the safety and inclusion of these communities; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Lunar New Year, we express our deepest respect for Asian Americans and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion; and

WHEREAS, we wish happiness, prosperity, fortune and good health in the Year of the Rabbit to those who celebrate;

NOW THEREFORE I, Sally Meadows, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the Los Altos City Council, do hereby recognize January 22, 2023 in Los Altos as the start of Lunar New Year in 2023.

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 24th day of January 2023

