City of Madison Heights Proclamation Asian Lunar New Year 2025

WHEREAS, the Asian Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival or Chinese New Year, marks the beginning of a new lunar year and is celebrated by millions of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Lunar New Year will be observed on February 17, ushering in the Year of the Snake, a symbol of wisdom, resilience, and transformation in many Asian cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Asian Lunar New Year is a time of family reunions, cultural traditions, and festive celebrations that honor ancient customs, promote community togetherness, and foster respect for cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Lunar New Year contributes to the rich cultural fabric of our city, with residents from various Asian communities sharing their traditions, cuisine, art, and performances, which enrich the lives of all who live here; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights is proud to recognize the importance of Asian culture and heritage, and to celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans to the success and vitality of our city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages all residents to join in the celebration of the Asian Lunar New Year by attending local events, participating in cultural activities, and learning more about the traditions and customs associated with this important holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Heights Mayor and City Council encourage all residents to celebrate the rich diversity, traditions, and cultural significance of the Lunar New Year.

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