A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2022, AS LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, Têt, or Spring Festival, is a festival which celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar calendar; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, 2022 is the year of the Tiger; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, this celebration is more inclusively recognized as Lunar New Year because it transcends the Chinese culture and is celebrated in much of Asia including Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, and the global Asian diaspora; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, it is one of the most important holidays being celebrated by over 1 billion people around the world; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, in Norman 5% of the population is of Asian-alone descent, compared to 2.4% across Oklahoma; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, community representation in Norman and the surrounding areas continues to grow with involvement of organizations such as the Asian American Student Association and Asian Pacific American Law Students Association at The University of Oklahoma, Asian Club at Norman High School, Oklahoma Chinese Association, Share to Grow, and many other organizations; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, maintaining cultural traditions create richer heritage and opportunities for all communities to learn of a global society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 8. Do hereby proclaim February 1st – 15th, 2022 as Lunar New Year in the City of Norman and invite all Norman residents to learn about this global holiday and the value of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities we have in Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of February, 2022.

ATTEST:	