

Proclamation

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22, 2023 AS THE START OF LUNAR NEW YEAR

***WHEREAS, LUNAR NEW YEAR** began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is the most significant and widely celebrated holiday throughout different Asian and Pacific Islander cultures; and*

***WHEREAS, LUNAR NEW YEAR** celebrations occur over two weeks, with January 22, 2023, being the first day of this new year and is traditionally a time to honor deities and ancestors; and*

***WHEREAS, LUNAR NEW YEAR** is celebrated with family, celebrating food, culture and traditions passed down through many generations;*

***WHEREAS, San Mateo County** is very diverse with a significant percentage of the population being of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and*

WHEREAS, as such, we must recognize the cultural and historical significance of the LUNAR NEW YEAR; and


***WHEREAS, 2023** is being celebrated as the Year of the Rabbit; and*

***WHEREAS, in observance of LUNAR NEW YEAR, the City of Redwood City** expresses its deepest respect for Asian Americans and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion.*

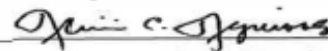
NOW, THEREFORE I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2023 as the start of the LUNAR NEW YEAR in Redwood City and wish Asian Americans and all individuals who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous New Year.

Date: February 4, 2023




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