

SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 WHEREAS, On the 22nd day of January in 2023 the people of the
2 great state of Washington unite to celebrate the Lunar New Year,
3 joining to distinguish Asian American joy, cultures, and beautiful
4 diversity; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year begins on the first new moon of the
6 lunisolar calendar; and

7 WHEREAS, This year is designated as the Year of the Rabbit or the
8 Cat; both animals in the zodiac are characterized by their grace,
9 adaptability, and thoughtfulness; their gentle nature bringing
10 symbols of longevity, tranquility, and prosperity to the year; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington acknowledges both the wonderful heritage and
12 collective trauma of our Asian American ancestors; and

13 WHEREAS, We deeply appreciate the Asian American community that
14 has made Washington a vibrant place for us all to call home, through
15 building and supporting their communities despite the uncertainty
16 they have faced at times; and

17 WHEREAS, We highlight the solidarity and strength of the Asian
18 American community in the face of violent racism, during the past few
19 years - well before - and ongoing; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a time to embrace reflections and
21 understanding as we look towards renewal; and

1 WHEREAS, We step into the Year of the Rabbit or Cat not just as
2 an individual, but as a family united in compassion and community
3 stewardship;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate stand with the
5 Asian American community in times of crisis and in times of
6 celebration, we come together now with memories of fond endings and
7 visions for new beginnings in acknowledgment of the Lunar New Year.

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