

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a long history and legacy of helping our city grow and economically flourish, such as J.L. Chow, whose laundry was among one of the first Asian businesses listed at 904 Elm Street in the city directory in 1874; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated by Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and is a time of joy and renewal; Many families celebrate and prepare for the arrival of a new year filled with good health, happiness, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Each Lunar Year is associated with an animal sign according to the Asian Zodiac cycle of twelve animals including the rat, ox, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig; The year 2022 is designated as the “Year of the Tiger”, which is associated with strength, bravery, and expelling evil; and

WHEREAS, Diverse Asian and Pacific Islander communities will hold celebrations commemorating Lunar New Year in Dallas, demonstrating its commitment to promoting culture and tradition as well as enriching civic and social activities in the local community; and

WHEREAS, This year’s commemoration is an opportunity to educate the public about the rich cultural heritage of Dallas’ Asian American community and showcase the growing diversity of our great city; and

WHEREAS, Today, we see Asian and Pacific Islander Americans leading in all sectors of our city, including the frontlines of COVID-19 recovery efforts; They are city leaders, business owners, educators, and public health workers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dallas supports the Association of Asian American City Employees (AAACE), an employee resource group that promotes understanding of the diverse cultures and peoples of the continent of Asia; and

WHEREAS, We also recognize that discriminatory laws, xenophobic policies, and mistreatment suffered by Dallas’ Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are a blight on our city’s history and we must continue to call out and stand against the anti-Asian violence, reject past and present prejudice, and embrace inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Today, let us join our Dallas’ Asian and Pacific Islander American communities and neighbors in celebration; As the door to the Year of the Tiger opens, we wish good fortune, health, and happiness to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2022 as

LUNAR NEW YEAR

in Dallas, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor, the City of Dallas

