

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, today we commemorate the Lunar New Year and join families in California, Asia, and around the world in welcoming the Year of the Ox; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year, predominantly celebrated by millions of Asian and Pacific Islander Californians, including people of Chinese, Korean, Singaporean, and Vietnamese heritage, among others, is a time of joy and renewal. On this special day, families gather to celebrate and prepare for the arrival of a new year of good health and prosperity. Across the State, parades, community events, and family meals illustrate the rich cultural history and diversity that define California; and

WHEREAS, as we look forward to a joyous new year, we proudly reflect on the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Californians who literally built California – from America’s first transcontinental railroad to the farms and small businesses foundational to our State’s economy. We also recognize that discriminatory laws, xenophobic policies, and mistreatment suffered by Asian and Pacific Islander Californians are a blight on our State’s history; and

WHEREAS, today, in rejecting past prejudice and embracing inclusion, let us join our Asian and Pacific Islander friends and neighbors in celebration. We also encourage California schools to take time to educate our students about the traditions of Lunar New Year, and the past and present contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander community in our State; and

WHEREAS, as the door to the Year of the Ox opens, we wish good fortune, health, and happiness to all those who celebrate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ellen Kamei, Mayor of the City of Mountain View, along with my colleagues on the City Council, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2021 as

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Signed and sealed this 23rd day of February 2021.



Ellen Kamei

ELLEN KAMEI, MAYOR