

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE February 21, 2023

NUMBER 85-2023

TITLE: **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LUNAR NEW YEAR.**
(Sponsored by Council Member Quantavia Hilbert)

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is celebrated worldwide by millions of Asians and Pacific Islanders (API) of Chinese, Korean, Singaporean, and Vietnamese descent as a time of joy and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, and extends until the full moon 15 days later; and

WHEREAS, January 22, 2023 marked the first day of Lunar New Year for the calendar year 2023, the year of the Rabbit; and

WHEREAS, the 15th day of the new year, according to the lunisolar calendar, is called the Lantern Festival; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is often referred to as Spring Festival in various Asian countries; and

WHEREAS, many religious and ethnic communities use lunar- based calendars; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is widely celebrated in East and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the Asian diaspora has expanded the Lunar New Year celebration into an annual worldwide event; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is celebrated by millions of Asian Americans, and by many non-Asian Americans, in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is celebrated with community activities and cultural performances; and

WHEREAS, participants celebrating Lunar New Year travel to spend the holiday reuniting with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, New Year is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity and happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange Township hereby recognize January 22, 2023 as the first day of Lunar Year 2023 and the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year. The City Council further encourages citizens of the City of Orange Township to learn about the history of Lunar New Year and to celebrate with purposeful activities.

Adopted: February 21, 2023

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City Clerk

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Council President

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