OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ED FLYNN AND HENRY SANTANA

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

WHEREAS: Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays for our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, and it begins on the second new moon after winter solstice, and is usually celebrated for a week starting from New Year's Eve to the sixth day of the New Year. This year, Lunar New Year starts on February 17th, and it will be the Year of the Horse; *and*

WHEREAS: In Boston, we have a large number of AAPI residents who celebrate Lunar New Year, with numerous lion dances, banquets, and other events to celebrate this holiday. We also have one of the largest Chinatowns in the United States, a vibrant Vietnamese community in Dorchester, and many smaller pockets of AAPI communities throughout the city; *and*

WHEREAS: Our AAPI neighbors are an integral part of our city and our society; they are our neighbors, frontline healthcare workers, school teachers, small business owners, policymakers, military members, youth sports coaches, among many others; *and*

WHEREAS: Despite their contributions and sacrifices, AAPIs have faced strong institutional discrimination and racism throughout history, with the most prominent examples being the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, which was repealed in 1943, and Japanese Internment during World War II. Since COVID-19, there has been a significant increase of racist incidents and hate crimes committed against AAPI residents; *and*

WHEREAS: It is important that we recognize the contributions of our AAPI community, and continue to celebrate and support our AAPI and immigrant communities as their experience and cultural heritage enrich our city and nation; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the Lunar New Year of the Horse with our AAPI communities and continues to honor the tremendous contributions of our AAPI residents.

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