

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION
OFFERED BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
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- WHEREAS:** January 22, 2023 marks the start of the Lunar New Year. In the Chinese zodiac, 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit, and in the Vietnamese zodiac, the cat takes the place of the rabbit. Every year, Lunar New Year 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; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In Boston, we have a large number of Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) residents who celebrate Lunar New Year. We 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:** The AAPI community is incredibly diverse, comprising over 45 distinct ethnicities, and more than 100 language dialects. The stories of the AAPI immigrant community are part of the story of the United States, and their experiences reflect the success and struggles in our nation's history; *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and racism throughout history, with the most prominent examples being the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, which was repealed in 1943, and Japanese Internment during World War II.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:** The Chinese Merchants Association provides guidance, resources, and advocacy to our Chinese businesses in Boston, and has helped strengthen our Chinese business community in Chinatown and beyond; *and now therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council sends its warm wishes to the Chinese Merchants Association and the Chinese community during Lunar New Year, and recommits to supporting and standing up for our Chinese and AAPI neighbors.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____