[Lunar New Year 2022]

Resolution celebrating 2022 as the Year of the Tiger, and recognizing February 1, 2022, as the start of Lunar New Year 4720 in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, 2022 marks Lunar year 4720, the Year of the Tiger, which begins on Tuesday, February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Celebrations for the Lunar New Year begin with the New Moon on the first day of the new year and end on the full moon 15 days later; and

WHEREAS, The first Chinese New Year Parade took place in San Francisco's Chinatown in 1885 with a 15-day celebration and a block-long golden dragon preceded by the red pearl of potentiality; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to celebrate Chinatown and draw visitors to Chinese-owned businesses, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce transformed the Chinese New Year celebration into a Street Carnival at Portsmouth Square in 1953; and

WHEREAS, To further its efforts to promote Chinatown, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce launched the first Miss Chinatown, U.S.A. beauty pageant in 1958 as part of the New Year festivities; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese New Year parade draws larger crowds each year with increased marching units and floats, and is, to date, the largest parade celebrating Chinese New Year in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The celebration of Chinese New Year in San Francisco has become a culturally significant civic pride event for our city; and

WHEREAS, The annual Chinese New Year parade and nearly month-long festivities that now include a Flower Market Fair, Choy Sun Doe, Basketball Jamboree, and a

Chinatown YMCA Run, in addition to the Community Street Fair, have provided an economic boost to our local economy beyond Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year may be known as Chinese New Year and the Spring Festival, but it is also celebrated as Solnal in Korean communities, with the Tet Festival by the Vietnamese, and as Losar in Tibet; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a significant holiday for Asian families to gather together, honor their ancestors, welcome the New Year with hopes of prosperity and good health, and celebrate traditions and traditional foods; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lunar New Year themes of family, health and prosperity, renewal, and togetherness are especially important and families have found new ways to celebrate in order to protect the most vulnerable in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Due to COVID-19 health orders, all long standing of Lunar New Year celebrations and festivities were impacted and cancelled in 2021, the Year of the Ox;

WHEREAS, In 2022, while COVID-19 is still impacting long standing Lunar New Year celebrations, San Francisco is finally able to safely celebrate the Chinese New Year Parade and other outdoor festivities in accordance with the City's public health orders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco bids farewell to 2021, Year of the Ox, and commits to celebrate Asian families and Lunar New Year Festivities in accordance with the City's public health orders; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco wishes all families good luck, prosperity, and continued good health in the Year of the Tiger; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco celebrates 2022 as the Year of the Tiger and recognizes February 1, 2022, as the start of Lunar New Year 4720.



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## Resolution

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February 01, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220096

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/1/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 02/11/2022 London N. Breed **Date Approved** Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

02/11/2022

Date