

WHEREAS; observed on the date of the second new moon after the winter solstice, the Lunar New Year signifies the start of the new year in many Asian cultures whose calendars are guided by the lunar cycle; and

WHEREAS; celebrated with shared meals and festivities in the presence of family, friends, and community, the Lunar New Year is regarded in many Asian countries and cultural traditions as the most important celebration of the year; and

WHEREAS; the Lunar New Year is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity, culture, and togetherness of the vibrant and distinct cultures of Asian and Asian American communities in Wisconsin—from families who have lived in Wisconsin for generations to recent immigrants and refugees—who are a fundamental part of the state’s identity; and


WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins community leaders, Asian and Asian American Wisconsinites, and all Wisconsinites in recognizing the start of the Lunar New Year, taking this opportunity to learn about the cultural history and traditions of Asian American communities, and working together towards a more equitable and just future for the state

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 17 2026 as

## **LUNAR NEW YEAR**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State