

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 East Asian cultures whose calendars are guided by the cycles of the moon; and

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

WHEREAS; the Lunar New Year is celebrated in Wisconsin and across the globe by more than one billion people; and

WHEREAS; this Lunar New Year comes at a time when racist and xenophobic rhetoric against Asian Americans has intensified, underscoring the importance of condemning and addressing discrimination, prejudice, and hate in all its forms and of celebrating diversity, culture, community, and togetherness; and


WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins community leaders, legislators, 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 and Pacific Islander 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 22 2023 as the start of the

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 23rd day of January 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State