

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 over one billion people; and

WHEREAS; as we celebrate the Lunar New Year, we recognize that it comes at a moment in our country in which racist and xenophobic rhetoric against Asian Americans has intensified, underscoring the importance of honoring the celebration and its guiding principles of community and togetherness, and reaffirming our commitment to condemning and addressing discrimination, prejudice, and hate in all its forms; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 1, 2022, 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 14th day of January 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State