

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 260107)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing February 17, 2026, as the Lunar New Year and celebrating the cultural and historical significance of Philadelphia's Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival is a major traditional Chinese holiday, falling on the 17th of February 2026 and the 1st day of the 1st month in the Chinese lunar calendar, and is also celebrated in many other East Asian and Southeast Asian countries; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year honors the arrival of the New Year (year of the horse), bringing together family and friends, removing bad luck, welcoming all that is good and prosperous, and celebrating joy and hopeful wishes; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year celebration in Philadelphia brings together communities from all backgrounds to share tradition, celebrate culture, and symbolize hope; and

WHEREAS, The year of the horse brings traits of energy, independence, and perseverance, as to be determined and forward moving; and using red during the celebration, appearing in decorations and clothing which symbolizes luck, prosperity, and happiness into the home for the new year; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's Asian American and Pacific Islander community is a vital part of our City, bringing together unique perspectives and experiences that diversify and enhance Philadelphia as a whole. Their presence is a reminder of the importance of inclusivity and the power of diverse voices in shaping our future; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate the Lunar New Year or Chinese New Year, we embrace its spirit by appreciating the rich cultural tapestry that connects us and allows us to share traditions, happiness, and a stronger sense of community; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes February 17, 2026, as Lunar New Year and recognize the cultural and historical significance of Philadelphia's Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twelfth day of February, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Ahmad

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Amad, Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Landau, Lozada, O'Neill, O'Rourke, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas and Young