## **Proclaiming Lunar New Year 2025**

The Lunar New Year is the most significant holiday in many Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) cultures, with 2025 being celebrated as the Year of the Snake. The first day of the New Year is a time to honor deities and ancestors. This tradition has been observed for centuries throughout different Asian and Pacific Islander cultures. It is a time for families to reunite, reflecting together on the past but also looking to the future and the successes that the coming year will bring. Lunar New Year celebrations typically occur within a two-week period, with this year's celebrations starting on January 29, 2025.

Los Angeles County is incredibly diverse, with approximately 25 percent of the population being of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. As such, it is important to recognize and join in celebrations of the many different AAPI cultures that are an integral part of the diversity of Los Angeles County.

As the Year of the Dragon ends and the Year of the Snake begins, we honor the work of individuals, community-based organizations, and government at all levels for

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upholding the highest ideals of dignity and strength for the AAPI community. Just as the snake itself represents transformation, 2025 brings a sense of hope and renewal to all residents of Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim January 29, 2025 as the start of the Lunar New Year in Los Angeles County and join with our AAPI residents in ushering in the Year of the Snake.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County

Communications to promote all County Lunar New Year events on the County's website and social media platforms, including ensuring information is provided in highly utilized AAPI languages.

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