



# *Proclamation*

## **LUNAR NEW YEAR**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars, traditional to many east Asian countries and regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunar New Year calendar celebrations begin Lunar New Year's Eve and end the 15th day of the first lunar month, also known as the Lantern Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Lunar New Year is February 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival also marks the transition from one animal to the next on the zodiac, with February 12 signaling the start of the year of the Ox; and

**WHEREAS**, Little Saigon has a diverse community that includes the largest population of Vietnamese people outside of Vietnam, and they celebrate the Lunar New Year as Tet; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westminster and Little Saigon community generally celebrate with festivities, including gatherings, festivals, and a world-renowned annual Tet Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, with the ongoing pandemic, the City of Westminster encourages only safe and physically distant celebrations for the well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Westminster wishes good fortune, health, and happiness to all during the Lunar New Year celebration and through the next year.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Tri Ta, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen, and Council Members Tai Do, Kimberly Ho, and Carlos Manzo do hereby proclaim February 12, 2021 as the beginning of the **LUNAR NEW YEAR** in the City of Westminster in celebration of the Year of the Ox, and encourage all residents to join in the celebration for a prosperous and healthy new year.

DATE: February 10, 2021

  
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Tri Ta, Mayor