

## Proclamation

## LA QUINTA HIGH SCHOOL'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

## **FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to celebrate Lunar New Year 2022 and hereby join La Quinta High School, California, in celebrating TET events and festivities; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year or Tết Nguyên Đán, or Tết for short, which means, "thank goodness" is also referred to as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Lantern Festival, and is traditionally celebrated throughout Asia by more than 2 billion people worldwide and marks the new lunar calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is one of the most important holiday celebrations in Vietnamese culture and represents hope and love, and is a time to reunite with family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Lunar New Year is February 1, 2022 and with this date begins the new Zodiac animal of the year which is the Tiger which characteristics include ambition, courage, generosity, self-confidence, enthusiasm, etc.; and

WHEREAS, there are beautiful and unique traditions for the annual Lunar New Year celebration which happens from February 1st to February 15th, such as reflecting on the previous year, house cleaning, traditional costumes and dances, special food preparations such as Chung cake, celebrating with ancestors, children are given red envelopes with money for good luck, family, friends, and neighbors gather to wish each other health and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster joins and invites the community to safely celebrate, during this ongoing pandemic, by following CDC guidelines, including wearing a mask and maintaining physically distance and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that 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 wish you good fortune, health, and happiness during the Lunar New Year celebration and throughout 2022.

This proclamation is hereby presented on the 1st day of February 2022.

