Proclamation

LUNAR NEW YEAR - TẾT NGUYÊN ĐÁN

JANUARY 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year, also referred to as the Spring Festival, Chinese New Year, Lantern Festival, is traditionally celebrated throughout Asia by more than 2 billion people worldwide and marks the new lunar calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year in Vietnam, known as Tết Nguyên Đán, or Tết for short, means "thank goodness," and is one of the most important holiday celebrations in the Vietnamese culture, representing hope and love, and is a time to reunite with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, this year, Lunar New Year begins January 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival also marks the transition from one animal to the next on the zodiac, with January 22, 2023 signaling the start of the "Year of the Cat," according to the Vietnamese zodiac; 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 Tết; 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, 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, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim January 22, 2023 as the beginning of the **LUNAR NEW YEAR - TẾT NGUYÊN ĐÁN** in the City of Westminster in celebration of the "Year of the Cat," and encourage all residents to join in the celebration for a prosperous and healthy new year.

Signed and Dated this 11th day of January 2023 by the City Council.

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Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

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NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

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Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

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Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

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Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3