

Lunar New Year Day

Presented by Councilmember Chris Cate and Council President Elo-Rivera

February 1, 2022

WHEREAS, February 1, 2022, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, a cultural festival celebrated at the turn of the lunisolar calendar;
AND

WHEREAS, the Chinese Zodiac features 12 animal signs in a cycle used to not only represent years in China, but is also believed to influence people's personalities, career, compatibility, marriage, and fortune; **AND**

WHEREAS, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. Historically, the Tiger is known as the king of all beasts in China, and serves as a symbol of strength, power, and bravery; **AND**

WHEREAS, in Asian culture, the Tiger bears significant symbolism, which includes a sense of both awe and admiration. As such, people born in the Year of the Tiger are considered to be brave, competitive, unpredictable, and confident; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is recognized and celebrated by thousands of San Diegans annually at various cultural festivals and events;
AND

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is honored to give special recognition to The Vietnamese American Youth Alliance, which was founded in 2004 to promote youth leadership, cultural awareness, social activism, and community development among the Vietnamese American youth within the local communities of San Diego; **AND**

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is also honored to give special recognition to the Vietnamese Federation of San Diego, which is a non-profit organization that serves the Vietnamese American community of San Diego County by providing social services to the Vietnamese communities in San Diego; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American Youth Alliance and Vietnamese Federation of San Diego will host the San Diego Tét Festival from February 4th to the 6th, the largest Vietnamese New Year event in San Diego; **AND**

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego wishes all who celebrate the Lunar New Year good luck, and may the Year of the Tiger bring you much happiness, prosperity, and longevity; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim February 1, 2022 as "**Lunar New Year Day**" in the City of San Diego.