Whereas: Across the globe, over a billion people in diverse cultures, including many in Bellevue,

unite to honor and celebrate the Lunar New Year, a cherished tradition that transcends

borders and generations; and

Whereas: Beginning on January 29, 2025, the Lunar New Year marks a time of renewal, hope and

anticipation for the season of spring. Families and friends gather to strengthen bonds,

embrace cultural traditions and participate in vibrant celebrations; and

Whereas: 2025 proclaims the Year of the Snake, a symbol of wisdom, transformation and

resilience, inspiring us to approach the year with introspection, growth and renewed

purpose; and

Whereas: Our city is alive with the joy of the Lunar New Year as Bellevue hosts a variety of events,

from cultural performances to community gatherings, alongside the creative efforts of

local organizations enriching our shared experience; and

Whereas: Bellevue takes pride in its diverse and dynamic community, recognizing the invaluable

contributions of our Asian American residents and the cultural heritage they bring to our

city.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim this Wednesday, January 29, and the following week as:

Lunar New Year Week

in Bellevue, I encourage all residents to join in the community festivities, explore the cultural richness of this time-honored tradition and celebrate the Year of the Snake with hope, prosperity and unity in our hearts.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue