



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** across the globe, more than a billion people from diverse cultures - including many residents of Bellevue - come together to honor and celebrate the Lunar New Year, a cherished tradition that spans borders and generations; and

**Whereas:** beginning on February 17, 2026, the Lunar New Year marks a time of renewal, hope and anticipation for the arrival of spring, as families and friends gather to strengthen bonds, honor cultural traditions and take part in vibrant celebrations; and

**Whereas:** 2026 is the Year of the Horse, a symbol of energy, perseverance and forward momentum, encouraging optimism, determination and collective progress in the year ahead; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue comes alive during the Lunar New Year with cultural performances, community gatherings and celebrations made possible by local organizations whose creativity and leadership enrich the city's shared experience; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue takes pride in its diverse and dynamic community and recognizes the invaluable contributions of its Asian American residents and the cultural heritage they bring to the city.

**Now, therefore, I,** Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, and the following week** as:

## **Lunar New Year Week**

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

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Mo Malakoutian, Mayor  
City of Bellevue