



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Over a billion people in many countries worldwide, including many Bellevue residents, are celebrating the Lunar New Year; and

**Whereas:** The Lunar New Year started at the began on February 1st this year and is a time when people gather together to celebrate with family and friends; and

**Whereas:** This is the Year of the Tiger, one of the 12 animal signs that comes from the Chinese zodiac; and

**Whereas:** People born this year are said to assume the traits of a tiger including resilience and strength; and

**Whereas:** While in person gatherings are more challenging because of COVID-19, the city of Bellevue hopes our community can celebrate and enjoy virtually the various cultural events and performances; and

**Whereas:** The beginning of the Lunar New Year is a celebration of spring and the hope it brings; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue recognizes the value of its diverse residents and the significant cultural contribution of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; and

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the **week of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** as:

## **Week of The Lunar New Year**

and encourage residents to join their neighbors in this annual celebration, while also wishing good fortune, health and happiness to all residents, workers and visitors.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue