



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LUNAR NEW YEAR

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January 22, 2023, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated by Asian American communities across the United States and, especially, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year, also known as Spring Festival, is based on the Lunar calendar, which includes the Chinese zodiac, or Sheng Xiao, a repeating 12-year cycle of animal signs and their ascribed attributes; and

WHEREAS, this Lunar New Year is the Year of the Rabbit and is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community has contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout North Carolina illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to join our friends and neighbors in celebration of the Lunar New Year and take the opportunity to learn about the rich traditions of this special holiday, and the past and present contributions of the AAPI community to our state; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina welcomes the Lunar New Year, wishing you and your family happiness, prosperity, fortune, and good health in the Year of the Rabbit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2023, as "LUNAR NEW YEAR" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.