

# Proclamation

*LUNAR NEW YEAR  
February 1, 2022*

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is an important holiday for many Asian communities around the world and Americans of Asian origin, including those of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tibetan, Mongolian, Singaporean, Malaysian and Filipino heritage. The Lunar New Year traditions across these cultures are varied, but all focus on celebrating and strengthening family and community bonds.

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year/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. Though the animal signs can vary across cultures, the Lunar New Year marks the transition from one animal to the next, with January 31, 2022, ending the Year of the Ox, and February 1, 2022, starting the Year of the Tiger. The tiger is the third of the 12 zodiac animal signs, and those born in the Year of the Tiger are often seen as brave, confident, and well-liked by others.

WHEREAS, Centre County greatly benefits from the creativity, enterprise, skills, and diverse heritage of our Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) residents, some of whom are new immigrants, while others are first, second, or even fifth-generation Americans. Over 10,000 APIDA residents live, work, and play throughout the county's large and small communities, contributing to our economy and enriching the ethnic and social fabric of our community with multiple languages, cultures, and religious beliefs. Like all major holidays around the globe, the Lunar New Year unites families over generations and honors the eternal bond of respect, honor, and love for family, community, and country. Those celebrating Lunar New Year are our beloved friends and family, our cherished neighbors, and valued members of the Borough of State College.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ezra Nanes, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2022, as Lunar New Year in the Borough of State College and wish everybody celebrating the holiday a Happy Lunar New Year. We encourage everyone in the Borough of State College to join in the spirit of celebration and reaffirm our community's commitment to family, diversity, mutual respect, and creating an inclusive environment of belonging for all our residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the Borough of State College, this 7th day of February 2022.



Mayor Ezra Nanes  
February 7, 2022

