

SENATE RESOLUTION

8609

By Senators Nguyen, Darneille, Das, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kuderer, Lias, Nobles, Padden, Robinson, Saldaña, Schoesler, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Cleveland, and Hasegawa

1 WHEREAS, On this 12th day of February 2021, the people of
2 Washington join the celebration of the Lunar New Year to distinguish
3 Asian American joy, culture, and diversity; and

4 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year begins on the first new moon of the
5 lunisolar calendar; and

6 WHEREAS, This year is designated as the Year of the Ox, a zodiac
7 sign characterized by diligence, persistence, and honesty that we
8 hope our chamber will strive to emulate; and

9 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year exhibits
10 Washington's commitment to preserving cultural heritage and honoring
11 the sacrifices of our Asian American ancestors; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington is home to nearly nine hundred thousand Asian
13 and Pacific Islander Americans who are an integral component of the
14 diverse fabric of our state; and

15 WHEREAS, We highlight the strength of Native Hawaiians and
16 Pacific Islanders who were disproportionately impacted by Covid-19;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, We acknowledge the resilience of Asian American
19 frontline employees, essential workers, and small businesses through
20 the challenges of the pandemic this year; and

21 WHEREAS, We recognize the perseverance of Asian communities who
22 withstood xenophobia and racism for generations and from this
23 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a time to reflect on our
2 successes and challenges from the past, to learn from those
3 experiences, and to create new goals and objectives for the
4 coming year; and

5 WHEREAS, We commend this Lunar New Year tradition of
6 familial reunion, and hope to reflect these practices as a
7 unified legislative body;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate stand in
9 solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander American
10 communities to celebrate heritage, cultural unity, and brand new
11 beginnings through the acknowledgment of the Lunar New Year.

12 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
13 do hereby certify that this is a true and
14 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8609,
15 adopted by the Senate
16 February 12, 2021

17 BRAD HENDRICKSON
18 Secretary of the Senate