

Resolution 2022-05
Resolution Recognizing Lunar New Year

Whereas, Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, and extends until the full moon 15 days later;

Whereas, the 15th day of the new year, according to the lunisolar calendar, is called the Lantern Festival;

Whereas, Lunar New Year is often referred to as Spring Festival in various Asian countries;

Whereas, many religious and ethnic communities use lunar-based calendars;

Whereas, Lunar New Year began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is widely celebrated in East and Southeast Asia;

Whereas, the Asian diaspora has expanded the Lunar New Year celebration into an annual worldwide event;

Whereas, Lunar New Year is celebrated by millions of Asian Americans, and by many non-Asian Americans, in the United States;

Whereas, Lunar New Year is celebrated with community activities and cultural performances;

Whereas, Lansdowne Borough and its representatives value the cultural traditions of all the residents; and, Lansdowne Borough values the cultural traditions of the Asian-American residents; and,

Whereas, traditionally, participants celebrating Lunar New Year travel to spend the holiday reuniting with family and friends; yet, due to COVID travel restrictions, many families may not be able to travel and visit relatives; and

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Whereas, Lansdowne Borough recognizes the many cultures of the Greater Lansdowne Community;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Borough Council of Lansdowne:

1. Recognizes the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year;
2. In observance of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Tiger, expresses the deepest respect for Asian Americans and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion; and
3. wishes Asian Americans and all individuals who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous new year.

Adopted by the Borough of Lansdowne, County of Delaware Pennsylvania, this 19th day of January, 2022.



Benjamin D. Hover Council President

ATTEST:



Craig Totaro, Assistant Borough Secretary