

*City of Brisbane*

# PROCLAMATION

## Declaring Lunar New Year

Whereas, the City of Brisbane joins families in Brisbane, Asia, and throughout the Asian diaspora in commemorating Lunar New Year (beginning January 22, 2023) and welcoming the Year of the Rabbit; and

Whereas, Lunar New Year, predominantly celebrated by millions of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans of Chinese, Korean, Singaporean and Vietnamese descent, is a time of joy and renewal. On this special and auspicious day, families gather to celebrate the arrival of a new year of good health and prosperity; and

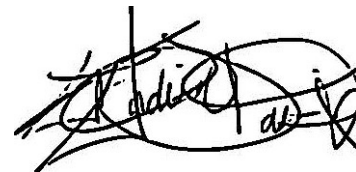
Whereas, as we look forward to a joyous new year, we proudly reflect on the contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community – from America's first transcontinental railroad to the farms and small businesses foundational to our economy. We also recognize that discriminatory laws, xenophobic policies, and mistreatment suffered by AAPI communities are a blight on our greater history; and

Whereas, today, we stand with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in rejecting past prejudice and embracing inclusion; let us join our AAPI community members, neighbors, and friends in celebration; and

Whereas, as the door to the Year of the Rabbit opens, we wish good fortune, health, and happiness to our AAPI community; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Madison Davis, Mayor of the City of Brisbane, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2023, as the beginning of a fresh start to "Lunar New Year".

Dated: 1/19/2023



Madison Davis, Mayor

