

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, Lunar New Year, predominantly celebrated by many communities of Vietnamese, Tibetan, Mongolian, Singaporean, Malaysian and Filipino descent, is a time of joy and renewal. Traditions across these cultures are varied, but all focus on celebrating and strengthening family and community bonds; 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**, 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**, over 10,000 Asian Pacific Desi American (APIDA) residents live, work, and play throughout the county's communities, contributing to our economy and enriching the ethnic and social fabric of our community with multiple languages, cultures and religious beliefs. Centre County greatly benefits from the creativity, enterprise, skills, and diverse heritage of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, like all major holidays around the globe, the Lunar New Year honors the eternal bond of respect, honor, and love for family, community, and country and unites families over generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **February 1, 2022**, as **Lunar New Year** in Centre County and encourages everyone 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.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.



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