



**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 17, 2026 AS**

*Lunar New Year*

**WHEREAS, Lunar New Year** is one of the most widely celebrated traditions across many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Mongolian, and other communities around the world, marking a time of renewal, family gatherings and reflection on shared hopes for the year ahead; and

**WHEREAS, San Mateo County** is home to a vibrant and diverse Asian community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, civic and economic fabric of the **County**, with **Lunar New Year** standing as a cherished celebration among families, elders, youth, and multigenerational households; and

**WHEREAS, Lunar New Year** begins on February 17, 2026, ushering in the Year of the Horse, a symbol of strength, hard work and collective progress, valuing the resilience and contributions of Asian residents throughout **San Mateo County**; and

**WHEREAS, the County** recognizes that **Lunar New Year** is more than a festive occasion; it is a moment for honoring ancestors, expressing gratitude, uplifting family traditions, and wishing for prosperity, health and harmony in the year to come; and

**WHEREAS, Lunar New Year in San Mateo County** is celebrated not only by those who observe it as a cultural and spiritual tradition, but also by neighbors, friends and community members who join in fellowship, learning and celebration, reflecting the **County's** commitment to inclusivity, belonging and cross-cultural understanding; and

**WHEREAS, honoring Lunar New Year** offers an opportunity to uplift the histories and experiences of Asian families, to recognize the elders who carry cultural wisdom and to create spaces where all residents feel welcome to participate in traditions that strengthen community bonds; and

**WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors** affirms the importance of celebrating cultural traditions that promote mutual respect, deepen relationships, and reflect **San Mateo County's** value of ensuring that all residents, across languages, cultures and generations, feel seen, honored and included.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the **Board of Supervisors** of the **County of San Mateo** hereby designates **February 17, 2026**, as "**Lunar New Year**" in **San Mateo County**, and encourages residents of all backgrounds to join in celebrating the rich cultural traditions, unity, and collective hope that this holiday represents.

*Dated February 10, 2026*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS