



Armondo Pavone Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, the traditional Chinese Lunar New Year celebration, also known as the Spring Festival, dates back as early as the fourteenth century B.C.; and

*Whereas*, 2021 is the Year of the Ox, which is a symbol of wealth, prosperity, diligence and perseverance, and those born during the Year of the Ox are said to be balanced, trustworthy, patient and modest individuals; and

*Whereas*, the Lunar New Year is celebrated uniquely in many different Asian countries but regardless of the country, culture, religion or ethnicity, the day is a time for family reunions, gatherings, reaffirming bonds and reflection; and

*Whereas*, the diverse Asian community in Renton is home for many Asian families that have been here for generations as well as newer Asian immigrants; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton, with its rich demographic diversity, beautiful parks, friendly and prosperous businesses, many community services, and excellent schools, has provided a welcoming environment for the Asian community to call Renton their home;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2021, to be

## *Lunar New Year Day*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 22nd day of February, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

