

Proclamation

“Lunar New Year 2025”

January 29, 2025

Whereas, each year, the international community observes the Lunar New Year, this year starting on January 29, with celebrations taking place around the world for many East and Southeast Asian cultures who celebrate it, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and others; and

Whereas, the population of Adams County is approximately 3.96% Asian; and

Whereas, each year is represented by the Yang or Yin form of one of the five elements and one of the 12 animals from the Chinese zodiac; and

Whereas, this year is designated as the Year of the Snake. As we transition from the Year of the Dragon, we embrace the wisdom and transformative energy of the Snake. The Year of the Snake is associated with qualities such as wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, and creativity; and

Whereas, different cultures have their own distinctive ways of observing the Lunar New Year with special foods and customs that symbolize prosperity, unity, and abundance. Many families hold ceremonies to honor their ancestors, offering food and burning paper representations of material goods. Homes are often decorated with red paper and banners featuring calligraphy that conveys wishes for health, wealth, and happiness. Elders commonly give red envelopes filled with money to children as a gesture of goodwill. Foods made from rice are commonly enjoyed during the festivities, symbolizing family unity, while other dishes represent prosperity, wealth, and good fortune; and

Whereas, Adams County’s employee-led A-Proud Affinity Group, Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPD), connects Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander employees and entrepreneurs to celebrate the diverse cultures and professional backgrounds within our communities; and

Whereas, neighboring countries in Asia have created their own celebrations influenced by the Lunar New Year.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims January 29, 2025 as

“The start of the 2025 Lunar New Year”

and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Asian community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed January 28, 2025.