



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Lunar New Year is the most celebrated Asian festival in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year based on the lunar calendar and begins in 2023 on January 22; and

**WHEREAS**, about 185,000 Missouri residents identify as being of Asian descent; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Missouri, including those in the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community, share common values including the importance of family, a desire to see our children succeed and honesty in dealing with others; and

**WHEREAS**, by recognizing and celebrating these common values, Lunar New Year affords us an opportunity to showcase the rich diversity and talents of people across this great state, to foster greater relationships and a greater understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, we are grateful to numerous volunteers dedicated to sharing Lunar New Year festivals across the state making Missouri a great state to live, work, and raise a family; and

**WHEREAS**, during this Year of the Rabbit, exemplifying represents longevity, discretion and good luck, we wish you good health, great happiness and much prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby recognize

**LUNAR NEW YEAR**

in Missouri, and send best wishes to all in the coming year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE