



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the second new moon after the winter solstice marks the beginning of the new year according to the lunar calendar, and has been determined to occur on Tuesday, February 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the origin of the Lunar New Year dates back centuries and was once a time to honor deities and ancestors; and

WHEREAS, also known as the Spring Festival, the Chinese community comes together across the world to celebrate the turn of the traditional lunisolar lunar calendar; and

WHEREAS, traditional customs and celebrations include dinners, decorations, firecrackers, and prayers; and

WHEREAS, this is year 4717 on the Chinese lunar calendar and is the Year of the Pig; traditionally, those born in the Year of the Pig are described as diligent, compassionate, generous, happy, easygoing, honest, trusting, sincere, and brave; and

WHEREAS, celebrations of the Lunar New Year traditionally begin the evening preceding the first day and end with the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the new year. The first day of Lunar New Year begins on the new moon that appears between 21 January and 20 February.

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

LUNAR NEW YEAR

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 23rd day of January, 2019.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE