



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

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 2025 on January 29; and

WHEREAS, about 195,000 Missouri residents identify as being of Asian descent, according to AAPI Data; 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 in education, 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 Snake, representing wisdom, charm, elegance, and transformation, we wish you good health, great happiness, and much prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, 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 23rd day of January 2025.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE