

# RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 27, 2023

## *Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of* **Lunar New Year in 2023**

*WHEREAS*, Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, and extends until the full moon 15 days later; and

*WHEREAS*, the 15th day of the new year, according to the lunisolar calendar, is called the Lantern Festival; and

*WHEREAS*, Lunar New Year is often referred to as Spring Festival in various Asian countries; and

*WHEREAS*, many religious and ethnic communities use lunar-based calendars; and

*WHEREAS*, Lunar New Year began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is widely celebrated in East and Southeast Asia; and

*WHEREAS*, Lunar New Year is celebrated with community activities and cultural performances; and

*WHEREAS*, participants celebrating Lunar New Year travel to spend the holiday reuniting with family and friends; and

*WHEREAS*, Lunar New Year is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness; and

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*WHEREAS*, Lunar New Year is celebrated by thousands of of Asian American students, staff and faculty at Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College and by many non-Asian Americans throughout the District; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the South Orange County Community College District recognizes the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that in observance of this Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit, expresses its deepest respect for Asian Americans and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion; and wishes Asian Americans and all individuals who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous new year.

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