

**BY:** M. of A. Kim

**COMMEMORATING** the Asian American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Horse, on February 17, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor, with pleasure and great pride, the Asian American community of the State of New York upon the occasion of the celebration of the Lunar New Year; and

**WHEREAS,** The Lunar New Year is a festival of great importance for Asian Americans across United States and in many countries around the world; the celebration of the Lunar New Year is fundamental to numerous cultures and promotes goodwill and self-reflection; it is a joyous occasion welcomed annually with distinctive festivities and abundant preparation; the celebration of the Lunar New Year is a tradition in which people proclaim the arrival of the new year and look forward with hope and optimism for all that it will bring; and

**WHEREAS,** According to legend, Buddha invited the animals of the world to visit him, rewarding those who came by naming a year in their honor; each animal, in turn, gave its characteristics to those born during its year; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 17, 2026, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Horse; and

**WHEREAS,** People born in the Year of the Horse are known to be energetic, independent, possess a self-reliant nature, love being in crowds, and are freedom-loving individuals with charismatic, social nature; and

**WHEREAS,** In times of adversity, those born under the sign of the Horse remain positive and maintain an affirmative outlook on life, confident in their own abilities, and benevolent and generous to others; and

**WHEREAS,** The distinguished values and traditions of Asian cultures and their many contributions in commerce, science, and the arts have left a substantial impact on our global community, and the contributions of Asian Americans are particularly esteemed within our Empire State and acknowledged for their outstanding merit and value; and

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing the significance of their contributions to the City and the State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to honor all New Yorkers of Asian ancestry, joining with them in welcoming the Year of the Horse, on February 17, 2026; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Asian American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Horse, on February 17, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to distinguished members of the Asian American community.