

RESOLUTION NO. 120082

Celebrating the Chinese New Year and recognizing the contributions of the Asian and Asian-American community to the City of Kansas City, Missouri

WHEREAS, Kansas City, Missouri's Asian community is growing and now is just over 11,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest strengths of our City is the diversity of its citizens who hail from countries around the world but call Kansas City, Missouri home; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese New Year begins on the second New Moon after the Winter Solstice and according to the lunar calendar 2012 is the "Year of the Dragon", which is regarded as a divine beast and is a symbol of good fortune and a sign of power; and

WHEREAS, by celebrating and observing the Chinese New Year, which is deeply rooted in the history of China, Kansas City, Missouri demonstrates its appreciation for the richness of Asian culture and recognizes the contributions that the Asian community have made to our City; and

WHEREAS, Chinese New Year is centuries old and has had influence on the lunar year celebration of its geographic neighbors such as Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and Korea; and

WHEREAS, as one family, Kansas City, Missouri joins in the celebration of the Chinese New Year and recognizes it as a time for families to come together all throughout the City to commune and celebrate the New Year 4710; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize and celebrate with the Asian community in Kansas City, Missouri the Chinese New Year 4710 and wish our Asian families and friends peace and prosperity in the new year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to CJ Wei, Robert Chien and Spike Nguyen with the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for making our community culturally richer.

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