



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, falls on January 22; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinese New Year celebrates prosperity and respect and, like many American holidays, includes decorations, gifts, family gatherings, remembrances and symbolism; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Colorado, organizations and communities host Lunar New Year celebrations to honor America's rich immigrant history and to increase cultural awareness and acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, this event is organized by the Colorado American and Chinese Professionals Association (CAACPA), with Huaxing Chinese School as the platform (leased from CEC). CAACPA was founded in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the school teaches children and adults the Chinese language, arts, culture, and sports. It is open to the public and currently has students, including students with both Chinese and non-Chinese backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the holiday is an opportunity to pay respects to ancestors by placing flowers, fruit or other gifts at an altar or grave; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of CAACPA is to serve the Chinese American community and promote cultural and professional communications and exchanges with all communities in northern Colorado; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2023 as a day of celebration of the

### Chinese Lunar New Year

in Fort Collins and encourage residents to participate in and to celebrate the cultural riches that our Chinese community has to offer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 5th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeni Arndt", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor