



WHEREAS, Rockville is home to a diverse Asian community that adds to the richness and culture of our great City; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year and the Lantern Festival, are special holidays for family reunions, thanksgiving, and well-wishing, and are two of the most significant celebrations for Asian communities around the world and here in Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the Lunar calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. The second new moon after the winter solstice marks the beginning of the New Year and it is determined to begin on January 29, 2025, and the Lantern Festival will occur this year on February 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is committed to recognizing Asian culture as an important part of the City and its strong, inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, this is the *"Year of the Snake,"* one of the zodiac animals, and represents people who are associated with traits of wisdom, mystery, introspection, and elegance, in Chinese culture, those born in a Snake year are thought to possess qualities of patience, insight, and keen intuition.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **January 29, 2025**, as Rockville's celebration of the **Lunar New Year**, culminating with the **Lantern Festival** on **February 12, 2025**, and call upon all the residents of Rockville to join in this joyous celebration.




Monique Ashton, Mayor


Kate Fulton, Councilmember


Izola (Zola) Shaw, Councilmember


Barry Jackson, Councilmember


Marissa Valeri, Councilmember


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January 6, 2025