

JAN 17 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE DAY OF THE SECOND NEW MOON AFTER THE WINTER
SOLSTICE OF EVERY YEAR AS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE STATE
OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, 2023 marks the two hundred and thirty-fourth
2 anniversary of the first arrival of Asian immigrant workers in
3 the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2022, approximately 37.1 percent of
6 the State's population or over five hundred thousand residents
7 of the State are of Asian descent; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Asian community in Hawaii has contributed
10 greatly, not only to the State's social, civic, and economic
11 success, but also to its diverse and vibrant culture, which
12 includes the celebration of the Lunar New Year; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is joyously observed by
15 numerous residents in the State and is celebrated by more than
16 two-thirds of Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese
17 Americans in general; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year provides a time to renew one's
20 family ties, reflect upon the past year, and wish for good
21 fortune, health, and prosperity in the year ahead; and

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23 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives
24 introduced resolutions recognizing the cultural and historical
25 significance of the Lunar New Year in 2021 and 2023; California
26 recognized the Lunar New Year as a state holiday in 2022; and
27 New York recognized the Lunar New Year as a public school
28 holiday in 2023; and

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30 WHEREAS, by recognizing the Lunar New Year in Hawaii, this
31 body honors the State's rich cultural history, demonstrates its
32 commitment to cultural diversity, and extends its best wishes
33 for peace and prosperity to all who celebrate this important
34 occasion; now, therefore,



S.R. NO. 1

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024,
3 that the day of the second new moon after the winter solstice of
4 every year is recognized as the Lunar New Year in the State of
5 Hawaii; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lunar New Year shall not be
8 construed as a state holiday; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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OFFERED BY:

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