

## Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Renton is home to a multitude of cultures and languages from around the world, and values diversity as a source of strength; and

Whereas, we believe that celebrating diversity helps to create a vibrant community in which all individuals live in mutual respect and peace; and

Whereas, the City of Renton is home to a large and diverse Asian-American community that has contributed significantly to the social and economic vitality of the city; and

Whereas, the Asian-American community will celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Rat including those of Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean cultures; and

Whereas, people of Asian heritage throughout the world regard the Lunar New Year as the most auspicious of all celebrations and mark this occasion with numerous events, gatherings, food and traditions that symbolize loyalty, honesty, kindness and prudence;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim January 25 to February 8, 2020, to be

## Lunar New Year Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 27th day of January, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington