

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** the Vietnamese Community of Oregon (VNCO) is an organization, whose mission is to unite, support, and foster pride in all members of the Vietnamese community, in the City of Milwaukie and throughout Oregon. They act to ensure all Vietnamese Americans understand that they have a voice and a place in society; and

**WHEREAS** the Vietnamese Community of Oregon achieves this by passing down Vietnamese culture and traditions from generation to the next generation, while striving to strengthen relationships with other ethnic communities throughout Oregon and Southern Washington; and

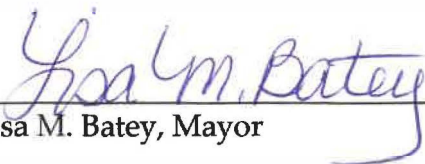
**WHEREAS** the most important of these traditions is that of the Lunar New Year Celebration, a celebration of joy, history, and culture for all Vietnamese, wherever they are in the world; and

**WHEREAS** this important tradition has been celebrated and organized by the Vietnamese Community of Oregon, in the City of Milwaukie and neighboring cities across Oregon for the last 50 years; and

**WHEREAS** we continue that tradition today, by showing our support to the Vietnamese American communities, not only in Oregon, but across America, to be an example of unity for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **February 21, 2026**, to be **Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration Day** in Milwaukie and encourage all residents to observe this day.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

  
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Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

