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HB23-1271 Lunar New Year Day As An Observed State Holiday

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<p>Ellen Woo</p> <p>For</p> <p>themselves</p>	<p>HB23-1271</p> <p>My name is Ellen Woo</p> <p>I am a constituent of CO HD36</p> <p>I am writing to speak in favor of passing HB23-1271, the designation of Lunar New Year Day as an observed state holiday</p> <p>I am the child of immigrants from China</p> <p>I was born in Colorado</p> <p>My legacy is with the Chinese Exclusion Act 1882</p> <p>My great grandfather was in the area once known as Denver Chinatown in the late 1800's</p> <p>The Lunar New Year holiday, celebrates my culture and honors my ancestors, my heritage</p> <p>The New Year, as are all Chinese holidays, is a very significant and important to the Chinese communities</p> <p>The Lunar New Year is considered the most significant and important to the communities that celebrate the Lunar New Year and celebrates family and ancestral roots</p> <p>With the long history of harsh discrimination against the communities of Asian descent, the hostility can be met not only with the recognition of the Lunar New Year but, it begins the recognition of the heritage, the history, the culture of the Asian communities</p>
<p>Grace Gee</p> <p>For</p> <p>themselves</p>	<p>Colorado House of Representatives</p> <p>Colorado State Capitol</p> <p>200 E. Colfax Avenue</p> <p>Denver, CO 80203</p>

Dear Members of the Colorado House of Representatives,

Subject: Support for the Recognition of Lunar New Year as an Observed Holiday in Colorado

I am writing to express my strong support for the recognition of Lunar New Year as an official observed holiday in the state of Colorado. As a resident of this great state, I believe that acknowledging and celebrating the diverse cultures within our communities is crucial in fostering an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all residents.

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is an essential holiday for millions of people worldwide. It marks the beginning of the lunar calendar and is a time for family gatherings, feasting, and paying respects to ancestors. With the growing Asian American population in Colorado, recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday would honor their cultural traditions and enhance the richness of our state's cultural fabric.

In addition to its cultural significance, recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday would benefit our state economically. Many Asian-owned businesses close their doors during Lunar New Year to observe the holiday, and giving this day official status would provide these businesses the opportunity to celebrate without facing potential financial drawbacks. Furthermore, public recognition of Lunar New Year could stimulate local economies by encouraging the organization of community events and celebrations.

By officially recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday in Colorado, we would be joining other states and cities across the nation that have already taken this step to embrace cultural diversity and inclusiveness. It would send a strong message that Colorado values the contributions of all its residents, regardless of their cultural background.

I urge you to support legislation recognizing Lunar New Year as an official observed holiday in the state of Colorado. Your actions will have a meaningful impact on the lives of many residents and will contribute to fostering a more inclusive and diverse society in our state.

	<p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Grace Gee</p>
<p>Christian Ortiz</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>Dear Members of the Colorado House of Representatives,</p> <p>Support for the Recognition of Lunar New Year as an Observed Holiday in Colorado.</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the recognition of Lunar New Year as an official observed holiday in the state of Colorado. As a resident of this great state, I believe that acknowledging and celebrating the diverse cultures within our communities is crucial in fostering an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all residents.</p> <p>Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, is an essential holiday for millions of people worldwide, particularly those of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean heritage. It marks the beginning of the lunar calendar and is a time for family gatherings, feasting, and paying respects to ancestors. With the growing Asian American population in Colorado, recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday would honor their cultural traditions and enhance the richness of our state's cultural fabric.</p> <p>In addition to its cultural significance, recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday would benefit our state economically. Many Asian-owned businesses close their doors during Lunar New Year to observe the holiday, and giving this day official status would provide these businesses the opportunity to celebrate without facing potential financial drawbacks.</p>

	<p>Furthermore, public recognition of Lunar New Year could stimulate local economies by encouraging the organization of community events and celebrations.</p> <p>By officially recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday in Colorado, we would be joining other states and cities across the nation that have already taken this step to embrace cultural diversity and inclusiveness. It would send a strong message that Colorado values the contributions of all its residents, regardless of their cultural background.</p> <p>I urge you to support legislation recognizing Lunar New Year as an official observed holiday in the state of Colorado. Your actions will have a meaningful impact on the lives of many residents and will contribute to fostering a more inclusive and diverse society in our state.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
<p>Liz Quan For themselves</p>	<p>I strongly support the Lunar New Year bill should be approved. I am Chinese American and this would not only positively impact the AAPI community and the state of Colorado, but all people of color. Let's encourage Colorado to recognize as many of our cultural holidays as possible. As Colorado joins the growing number of states that officially acknowledge the Lunar New Year as a holiday, it is crucial that the whole community visibly supports this initiative, regardless of whether you personally celebrate the holiday or not.</p> <p>In addition to its cultural significance, recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday would benefit our state economically. Many Asian-owned businesses close their doors during Lunar New Year to observe the holiday, and giving this day official status would provide these businesses the opportunity to celebrate without facing potential financial drawbacks. Furthermore, public recognition of Lunar New Year could stimulate local economies by encouraging the organization of community events and celebrations.</p> <p>By officially recognizing Lunar New Year as an observed holiday in Colorado, we would be joining other states and cities across the nation that have already taken this step to embrace cultural diversity and</p>

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