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To: All Members of the Ordinance Committee
From: Councillor Nina X. Liang, Ordinance Committee Chair

The Ordinance Committee of the Quincy City Council will meet on Monday, May 6st at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall at Historic City Hall 1305 Hancock Street relative to any and all matters pending in this committee including, but not limited to:

2024-045 – Order – Recognizing Lunar New Year as a Legal Holiday

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CITY OF QUINCY
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ORDER NO. 2024-045

ORDERED:

April 22, 2024

Recognizing Lunar New Year a Legal Holiday

WHEREAS, according to the most recent census data in 2020, 30.8% of Quincy’s population is Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), the second highest in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 Quincy School District Report card, Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) students represent the largest demographic of students (39.3%) enrolled in the Quincy Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is observed not only by those in the AAPI community, but also simply by anyone who chooses to celebrate it; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the country, and specifically ones in Massachusetts who have a fraction of the AAPI population as Quincy, have chosen to recognize that Lunar New Year is a holiday for their community at large; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Lunar New Year, like any other holiday, is done in ways that can be considered cultural or religious; and

WHEREAS, observing Lunar New Year, like any other holiday, prioritizes the coming together of family and loved ones in the days leading up to, during, and following that holiday; and

WHEREAS, the formal recognition of holidays by governance as a “Legal holiday” directly impacts the time and sentiment given to that holiday; and

WHEREAS, MGL Chapter 4 Section 7 defines “Legal holiday” as including federal holidays, as well as ones that are only recognized by the state of Massachusetts, or only recognized by a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the holidays defined under “Legal holiday” have changed over time to reflect the communities at large.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the City of Quincy recognize Lunar New Year as a “Legal holiday”, thereby honoring the day with the closure of municipal agencies, authorities, quasi-public entities, and other offices under the jurisdiction of the municipality when said day occurs on a weekday, the Friday before when it occurs on a Saturday, and the Monday following when it occurs on a Sunday.