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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, 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 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 people, wherever they are in the world; and

Whereas, this important tradition has been celebrated and organized by the Vietnamese Community of Oregon, the City of Portland, and neighboring cities across Oregon for the last 44 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, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 2, 2019 to be

Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration Day
in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

