



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2024-0130

Recognizing Rachel Yuan and the Ridge High Chinese Culture Club Efforts for the Designation of Lunar New Year in New Jersey

WHEREAS, Bernards Township takes great pride in the varied religious and cultural traditions of residents and seeks to afford all people the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich histories, cultures, and shared principles of Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders that bring these values and traditions that enrich the fabric of our Township; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the new lunar calendar year that uses the cycles of the moon to measure time and is significant to the Confucian, Daoist, and Buddhist traditions and has been celebrated internationally for thousands of years with festivities to welcome good fortune in the new year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10 percent of residents in New Jersey are of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Yuan who led the Ridge High Chinese Culture Club that played a main role in the passage of the New Jersey Lunar New Year Bill (AJR201/SJR111) along with support and guidance from Ms. Jane Zhang, Mr. Nick Xu, Mr. Mike McTernan and Mr. Jerry Li; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge High Chinese Culture Club advocacy and testimony efforts, who contacted all New Jersey State Legislators, to raise awareness was significantly impactful in securing support and unanimous approval of the bill; and

WHEREAS, the Club's expanded outreach with the community to gather over 400 petition signatures, distribute literature to local businesses, and create a bilingual website to promote awareness and show public support for the bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards does hereby recognize and congratulate the outstanding efforts of Rachel Yuan and the Ridge High Chinese Culture Club in the bill passage for the New Jersey state designation and proclamation of the second new moon following each year's winter solstice as Lunar New Year.

Agenda and Date Voted: 02/13/2024

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 02/13/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk