



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

April 29, 2025 - Introduced by Senators RATCLIFF, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, L. JOHNSON, LARSON, SMITH, SPREITZER and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives TENORIO, HONG, MAYADEV, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, DESANTO, DESMIDT, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, HAYWOOD, HYSELL, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MCCARVILLE, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, PHELPS, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SINICKI, SNYDER, SPAUDE, STROUD, TAYLOR, UDELL and VINING. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming 2025 as the year of the snake.

2 Whereas, observed on the date of the second new moon after the winter
3 solstice, the Lunar New Year signifies the start of the new year in many Asian
4 cultures whose calendars are guided by the lunar cycle; and

5 Whereas, typically celebrated through shared meals and festivities in the
6 presence of family, friends, and community, the Lunar New Year is regarded in
7 many Asian countries and cultural traditions as the most important celebration of
8 the year; and

9 Whereas, the Lunar New Year is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity,
10 culture, and togetherness of the vibrant and distinct cultures of Asian American
11 communities in Wisconsin, from families who have lived in Wisconsin for
12 generations to recent immigrants and refugees who are a fundamental part of the
13 state's identity; and

14 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin joins community leaders, Asian and Asian

1 American Wisconsinites, and all Wisconsinites in recognizing the start of the Lunar
2 New Year, taking this opportunity to learn about the cultural history and traditions
3 of Asian American communities and working together towards a more equitable
4 and just future for the state; and

5 Whereas, the year of the snake symbolizes good luck, rebirth, and regality;
6 and

7 Whereas, although snakes are often depicted in darkness, in the great
8 expanse of Chinese culture, snakes represent positive traits of love and happiness;
9 and

10 Whereas, the Lunar New Year is a time to appreciate the natural world and all
11 we can learn from it; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
13 Legislature proclaims 2025 as the year of the snake.

14 (END)