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Dear Members and Friends of the Chinese New Year Culture Association (CNYCA),

On behalf of the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs, it gives me immense pleasure to congratulate CNYCA on its Year of the Dragon celebration.

The Year of the Dragon symbolizes strength, dignity, and good fortune.

Since 1998, the CNYCA Chinese New Year celebration of the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year has strengthened the bonds of friendship between communities in the Greater Sacramento region.

You have continued to captivate the audience with an incredible event featuring five thousand years of Chinese culture and tradition through performing arts, cultural activities, and authentic cuisine. I also commend CNYCA's commitment to education, diversity, and inclusiveness, which has helped combat biases and anti-Asian hate crimes exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your resolve of unity and love have been a healing presence.

California is home to more than six million Asian Americans, which comprise 16% of the state's population. Lunar New Year is now an official state holiday acknowledging the diversity and cultural significance of our community.

I wish you another successful event and a joyful, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Warmest regards,

Dr. David S. Yee, MD, MPH
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