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Greetings from the Governor

February 2, 2003

As governor of the state of Washington, I am pleased to welcome you to the Northwest Chinese Cultural Association's Chinese New Year celebration.

This exciting event provides an ideal opportunity for your organization to reflect on its past accomplishments and establish goals for the new year. I commend the Northwest Chinese Cultural Association for its commitment to celebrating the depth and richness of our shared diversity.

Our state is a unique blend of many cultures, languages, and traditions. As we strive to meet the challenges of the 21st century, we must all work together for a better understanding among individuals from different backgrounds. The strength of our common experience is the key to our future success as a global community.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event and a happy and prosperous Year of the Sheep!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Locke".

Gary Locke
Governor