

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas 4709 marks the Year of the Rabbit; and

Whereas We should follow the lead of the sophisticated and gracious Rabbit by taking the time to reach out to our neighbors in need, by providing a helping hand or volunteering in our communities; and

Whereas Our vibrant Asian community continues to be a vital part of the Commonwealth's rich diversity by contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life, including education, medicine, commerce, agriculture, communications, public service and high technology; and

Whereas I send greetings as you gather to celebrate the Lunar New Year. On behalf of the Commonwealth, I am so grateful for the wonderful cultural contributions the Asian American community makes to our state,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of February 3rd – February 10th, 2011 to be

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fourth day of January, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Francis Galvin'. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts