

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 3, 2008 AS

## CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY

IN HONOR OF FOSTER CITY'S CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF THE RAT

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*PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that*

*WHEREAS, on the Chinese 12 Animal Zodiac, 2008 is the Year of the Rat (Earth), which begins on February 7, 2008 and ends on January 25, 2009, and as the first in the cycle, the Year of the Rat is known as a time of hard work, activity, and renewal; and*

*WHEREAS, the Foster City Arts & Culture Committee, the Foster City Parks and Recreation Department and associated artists and arts and culture groups have joined together to present Foster City's CHINESE NEW YEAR Celebration 2008, which will spotlight a Chinese American re-creation of a traditional village street fair, named "Temple Fair;" and*

*WHEREAS, Foster City's CHINESE NEW YEAR Celebration 2008 will have luminous decorations and feature exciting musical, acrobatic and lion dance performances, the traditional tea ceremony with the time-honored tradition of tea drinking, martial arts performances, calligraphy, brush painting, art exhibitions, animated storytelling in Chinese and English, Chinese-opera style face painting and the 12 Chinese Zodiac animal characters on hand to greet all visitors; and*

*WHEREAS, Foster City's CHINESE NEW YEAR Celebration 2008 will focus on education by teaching history, traditions and customs through art and craft activities, such as floral pattern designs, Chinese knot-tying, paper-cutting, paper folding and Chinese dance,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims February 3, 2008, CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY in honor of Foster City's Celebration of the Year of the Rat and encourages all San Mateo County residents to participate in order to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the contributions of Chinese Americans.*

*Dated: February 3, 2008*

*Supervisors:*

  
ADRIENNE I. TISSIER, President