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To recognize Asian American Community's observance of the arrival of 2008 Lunar New Year Day on February 7, 2008 and the commemorative activities that highlight the cultures and traditions of their homelands.

WHEREAS, the arrival of Lunar New Year Day represents a festive time for Asians around the world. People dress up in costumes, exchange food and gifts, visit their hometowns to be with family members, and remember ancestors; and

WHEREAS, Chinese welcome the arrival of their 4706th Lunar Calendar Year in history, Koreans celebrate their Seollal from February 6 to 8, and Vietnamese begin to enjoy their Tet Nguyen Dan on the first day of the first lunar month; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese Science and Culture Association, Chinese Student and Scholar Society at OSU, Chinese Schools Association in the United States, OCA Columbus Chapter, the Young Asian American Professional Network and the Asian American Senior Meal Program host their respective Lunar New Year celebration events to commemorate the arrival of the 2008 Lunar New Year and to highlight the beauty of the Asian cultures and heritage through artistic performances and offering of authentic Oriental foods; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American community represents a fast growing segment of the New American population in Central Ohio. It consists mainly of residents from Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, The Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnamese. Their presences in the City made our City a culturally diversified place to live, work and receive education; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize February 7, 2008 as the 2008 Asian Culture and Heritage Recognition Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this Council appreciates the multicultural diversity in its community and encourages our entire Columbus community to attend and enjoy the beauty and depth of our Asian culture and heritage.