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In 2022 Assembly Member Colton introduced a bill to make the Asian Lunar New Year a statewide school holiday.

With the strong support of the Assembly Speaker and the Assembly Majority, the bill passed both the Assembly and the State Senate in June 2023 and this September it was signed into law by the Governor.

The historic bill recognizes the rich cultural tradition of the Asian Lunar New Year. Asian parents no longer must choose between their children attending school or joining family celebrations.

Assemblyman Colton thanked the Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and all his colleagues, especially Assembly Member Grace Lee who represents Chinatown and Senator Brian Kavanagh, who introduced the bill in the Senate for a united team effort demonstrating state government hears and responds to constituent concerns.

Making Lunar New Year a school holiday throughout the state, helps all communities be more aware of each other's longstanding traditions and fosters better unity among all, as we fight against hate crimes, including Anti-Asian hate crimes.

**2022**年,州衆議員寇頓提出一項議案,將亞裔農曆 新年定爲全州公立學校的節假日。

在衆議院議長和衆議院多數黨的大力支持下,該議 案於2023年6月在衆議院和參議院都通過了,並於 今年9月由州長簽署成爲法律。

這項具有歷史意義的議案承認了亞裔農曆新年豐富 的文化傳統。亞裔父母不再必須在孩子去上學還是 參與家庭慶祝活動之間作出選擇。

州衆議員寇頓感謝州衆議院議長卡爾·希斯提以及他的所有同事,特別是代表唐人街的州衆議員李榮恩和在州參議院提出該項議案的州參議員Brian Kavanagh,我們團隊共同的努力表明了州政府傾聽並回應選民所關切的問題。

將農曆新年定爲全州公立學校的節假日有助於所有的 社區了解彼此的悠久傳統,並在我們打擊仇恨犯罪(包 括反亞裔仇恨犯罪)時促進所有人之間更好的團結。