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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the “San Diego Dragon Boat Festival, Race with the Dragons” here in Mission Bay Park.

A centuries-old tradition, the festival can be traced back to an ancient Chinese celebration believed to have begun in the year 277 B.C. This fascinating Chinese custom made its way to the United States in 1983, here at this very location in Mission Bay. The original boats were donated by the City of Singapore in an effort to share the culture, history and excitement of dragon boat racing.

I want to thank all of the volunteers, the San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans and the San Diego Dragon Boat team for making this event a reality and bringing its excitement to our community. Having personally attended many of the festivals, I have seen how this event provides the citizens of San Diego with an opportunity to experience the diverse culture and heritage of our region.

On behalf of the County of San Diego, I thank you for participating in this very unique gathering and hope you enjoy the weekend of racing and celebration.

Best wishes,

RON ROBERTS
Vice Chairman
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