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Moon Festival 2017

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also popularly known as the “Moon Festival”, is a harvest festival that is celebrated by the Chinese diaspora, Vietnamese, Korean, and many other Asian communities. It is held on the fifteenth day of the eighth month in the Chinese and Vietnamese lunisolar calendars, and falls on the 4th of October this year.

The Mid-Autumn Festival has a rich history and tradition that goes back over one thousand years. Some of the traditions include the myth of the lunar deity known as Chang’e, the Moon Goddess of Immortality, and praying for a good future. In contemporary times, the festival is marked by family gatherings, lion/dragon dances, moon gazing, and the consumption of seasonal pastries known as mooncakes. With one of the country’s largest Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, many even30ts celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival in Los Angeles County are expected to take place this year.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board proclaim October 4th, 2017 as Mid-Autumn Festival Day, to recognize and celebrate this major holiday.

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