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JANUARY 12, 2010

Proclaim January 13, 2010 as Korean American Day in Los Angeles County

In order to recognize the numerous contributions of the Korean Americans in the United States, January 13 of each year is the official Korean American Day as enacted by the United States Senate and House of Representatives in December, 2005. January 13 was selected as the official date because it was on that day in 1903 that 102 pioneer immigrants arrived in the United States from Korea. These pioneers, through their hard work and sacrifices, established the foundation for success so that their descendants may not only reap the rewards of a better life in the United States, but so that they may contribute and give back to the communities in which they live and work. These Korean immigrants and their descendants have contributed greatly, generously, and broadly in the fields of sciences, education, arts, media, business, social services and sports, and through faith-based, non-profits, and community service organizations as well.

It is widely known that Los Angeles County is home to the largest Korean population outside of the Korean peninsula. The Korean American Foundation, L.A. is

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dedicated to preserving and educating all who are interested in the history and significance of this special day.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim January 13, 2010 as Korean American Day throughout Los Angeles County; and

Express our gratitude to the Korean American Foundation, L.A. and the members of its Board of Directors for their outstanding work in preserving and sharing the Korean and Korean American culture throughout the County of Los Angeles.

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