

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

January 21, 2025

RECOGNIZING THE 122ND ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Korean American Day is celebrated every year on January 13th to recognize the first group of 102 Korean immigrants who arrived in the United States in 1903. This day also recognizes the invaluable contributions made by Korean Americans to the country. In December 2005, both the United States Senate and House of Representatives passed resolutions unanimously to commemorate this day, and many states and municipalities have since celebrated it. January 13, 2025 will mark the 122nd anniversary of Korean American Day.

The relationship between America and South Korea dates back to 1882, when both countries signed a treaty that established a relationship focused on peace, friendship, and commerce. Los Angeles County is proud to have a unique, energetic, and vivid Koreatown with more than 800,000 Korean Americans, who call the region home outside of South Korea. Korean Americans have positively influenced art, music, businesses, and our county's economy. Among their many contributions, Korean Americans innovated the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, developed the nectarine, earned Olympic gold medals, and have made achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, athletics, and the arts. These efforts profoundly impacted Los Angeles County and the United States over the past 122 years.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors recognize January 13, 2025, as the 122nd Anniversary of Korean American Day.

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