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Declaring October 6, 2025 as Moon Festival in Los Angeles County

Every year, we join our Asian American communities in celebrating the annual Moon Festival, also referred to as Mid-Autumn Festival. This year we honor the Temple City for its outstanding dedication and longstanding commitment to cultural celebration through the annual Hi Autumn Festival. For more than ten years, the Temple City has successfully organized and hosted this vibrant community event, bringing together families and visitors to honor the traditions and spirits of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

This harvest festival celebration originated in China more than 3,000 years ago, and it continues to be a significant part of the Asian American culture throughout Los Angeles County, especially in the 1st and 5th Supervisorial Districts including the San Gabriel Valley.

The Moon Festival falls on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Lunar calendar, which typically falls in September or early October. It is the one night of the year when the moon is at its fullest and brightest. The festival dates back centuries and is associated with the legendary goddess Chang'e, who ascended to the heavens and made the moon her home after she drank a magic elixir that gave her eternal life. In addition to the moon, the Mid-Autumn Festival is also about celebrating the annual harvest. Across China and the Chinese Diaspora, communities gather for feasts that often feature dances and other forms of entertainment. One of the staples of the Mid-Autumn Festival are mooncakes, intricately decorated pastries that received their name because they are round, like the full moon.

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Each region of China has its own variation of traditional mooncakes. In Hong Kong, they are filled with sweet lotus-seed paste and salted duck yolk. Colorful lanterns have also become associated with the Moon Festival. Nowadays, many Chinese cities have lantern festivals in public parks that feature lavish displays. What the lanterns symbolize also varies from region to region. Some view them merely as decoration or toys for children, while others see them as a sign of fertility or a guide for dead spirits. The Mid-Autumn Festival is also celebrated in Vietnam, where it is considered a celebration of children.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors declare October 6, 2025, as Moon Festival in Los Angeles County in observance of their long-standing traditions and celebrations that originated in China more than 3,000 years ago.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Communications to promote County and County Departments events celebrating the Moon Festival.

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