

PROCLAMATION

COMMEMORATING KOREAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, August 15, 2019, marks the 74th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day or Gwangbokjeol, commemorates the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonization on August 15, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of brave Korean service members and civilians who lost their lives or were imprisoned fighting for independence are a testament to the Republic of Korea's enduring strength and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, on Korean Independence Day, Koreans throughout the world unite to commemorate this day through parades, concerts, and celebrations that showcase Korea's rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove is home to thousands of Korean Americans who celebrate this important holiday; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American community has enriched the cultural, social, and economic landscape of Garden Grove; and

WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day is an opportunity to celebrate the great contributions of Korean Americans to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea and the United States are historic allies that share common values and objectives through economic interdependence and security;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Garden Grove City Council, that August 15, 2019, is hereby commemorated as Korean Independence Day in Garden Grove.

August 13, 2019

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