

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 969 AND URGES THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF VIETNAMESE RICE CAKES AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove proudly supports Vietnamese-American communities throughout California;

WHEREAS, since their arrival to the United States, Vietnamese-Americans have enhanced and continue to strengthen California's culture through the establishment of vibrant Little Saigon Communities and the celebration of the Lunar New Year (Tết), thereby preserving Vietnamese heritage for younger generations;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-American community consumes traditional Vietnamese rice cakes during the Lunar New Year celebration, continuing a centuries old tradition in the Vietnamese community;

WHEREAS, currently, traditional Vietnamese rice cakes cannot be sold at room temperature because California Health and Safety code requires potentially perishable food to be stored at specified temperatures to be sold to the public;

WHEREAS, in an effort to ensure that Vietnamese rice cakes can be sold in their traditional manner at room temperature, Senator Janet Nguyen introduced Senate Bill 969;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 969 (SB 969) amends the California Health and Safety Code to authorize a food facility to sell Vietnamese rice cakes that have been at room temperature for no more than 48 hours; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has passed AB 187 (2001) and SB 888 (2010) which allowed for the room temperature sale of Korean rice cakes and Asian rice-based noodles for specified lengths of time, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE hereby determines, finds, and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Garden Grove, State of California, supports Senate Bill 969 and urges the California State Legislature to pass this legislation to allow for the sale of Vietnamese rice cakes at room temperature.

Section 2. The Clerk of the City of Garden Grove is directed to send this Resolution to the Honorable Members of the California State Senate and the California State Assembly representing the City of Garden Grove.

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Section 3. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.