

Proclamation
Korean American Day
January 13, 2020

WHEREAS, In 2005, the United States Congress unanimously passed resolutions to recognize Korean Americans who have made significant contributions to economic vitality in the United States; and

WHEREAS, January 13, 1903 marks the day the first group of Korean immigrants came to the United States in Honolulu, Hawaii, on the S.S. Gaelic. This year marks the 117th anniversary of their arrival; and

WHEREAS, Today, more than 1.7 million Korean Americans call the United States their home, and in Garden Grove, our Korean American community is prominent and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove's 31-year Sister City relationship with Anyang, Republic of Korea was built on mutual respect and admiration for their respective cultures; and

WHEREAS, The City is very proud of the professional and cultural contributions made by Korean American business owners and residents in Garden Grove. They have helped enrich our community's cultural diversity with deep pride and traditions; and

WHEREAS, The Korean American Federation of Orange County and the Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County have been integral in helping many Korean American business owners and residents in Garden Grove become productive and proud citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Garden Grove City Council, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2020 as Korean American Day in the city of Garden Grove. The Garden Grove City Council does venerably recognize the contributions made by Korean Americans, and encourages all citizens to celebrate the community's vibrant diversity.

January 14, 2020