

Proclamation
Korean American Day
January 13, 2023

WHEREAS, In 2003, U.S. President George W. Bush proclaimed January 13 of 2003 as a day to honor the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States and established the first Korean American Day; and

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, and 2023 marks the 120th anniversary of their arrival and the 20th anniversary of Korean American Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 2023 is the 70th anniversary of the United States-Republic of Korea security alliance, and

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

WHEREAS, Garden Grove's 34-year Sister City relationship with Anyang, Republic of Korea was built on mutual respect and admiration; 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, 2023 as Korean American Day in Garden Grove, and does hereby recognize the contributions made by Korean Americans, and encourages all citizens to celebrate the community's vibrant diversity.

January 10, 2023