

Proclamation
Korean American Day
January 13, 2024

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2003, United States President George W. Bush proclaimed the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States; 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. Since then, states across the country have declared January 13 as an annual celebration of Korean American Day; 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 121st anniversary of their arrival and the 21st anniversary of Korean American Day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The year 2024 is the 71st anniversary of the United States and Republic of Korea's security alliance; 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, The City is very proud of the professional and cultural contributions made by Korean American business owners and residents in Garden Grove that have helped enrich our community's cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, Garden Grove's 35-year Sister City relationship with Anyang, Republic of Korea was built on mutual respect and admiration for our respective cultures; 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, 2024 as Korean American Day in Garden Grove, and do hereby recognize the contributions made by Korean Americans, and encourage all citizens to celebrate our community's vibrant diversity.

January 9, 2024