

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

January 13, 2022 as Korean American Day

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WHEREAS, the first wave of Korean immigrants to the United States, comprised of 102 people, arrived in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 13, 1903. Today, 1.9 million people of Korean descent live throughout the United States and are part of a vibrant, growing Korean American community; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as Korean American Day to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush issued a Proclamation recognizing January 13, 2003 as the anniversary of the Centennial of Korean Immigration to the United States. The proclamation called upon all Americans to observe the anniversary with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities honoring contributions of Korean immigrants and their descendants, especially their courageous service in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and other wars to defend and uphold our American values; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, the United States Congress adopted Senate Resolution 283 and House of Representative Resolution 487, which both supported the goals and ideals of Korean American Day; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census data, the Korean American community in San Mateo County has grown to exceed 3,800 members. Korean Americans own many retail stores, provide various cultural opportunities, and are making important contributions in several distinguished career fields such as law, government, medicine, business, education, architecture, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, All citizens of San Mateo County are encouraged to participate in learning about the rich heritage and contributions of Korean Americans that have been intrinsically woven into the American experience for 119 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates January 13, 2022 as Korean American Day in the County of San Mateo to celebrate and commemorate the proud heritage of Korean Americans and their invaluable contributions to enhance the County's culture, economy, and the founding ideals of independence and democracy.

Dated: January 11, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors