

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-003

Proclaiming January 13, 2022 as Korean American Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

- a. January 13th is nationally recognized as a day to celebrate the contributions of Korean Americans to our society.
- b. In 1882 the United States and Korea signed a treaty establishing a peaceful relationship, friendship, and commerce which led to 102 Korean immigrants to set sail for Honolulu, Hawaii in December 1902, on the *SS Gaelic*. These families initiated the first wave of Korean immigration, resulting in over 7,500 immigrants over the next two years. Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of these first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903.
- c. Korean Americans are an integral part of our community and have contributed greatly, despite harassment, discrimination and anti-Asian hate, all of which are on the rise today.
- d. Multnomah County is committed to learning from and working with our Korean American community to remove impediments to success through increasing social inclusion, reducing poverty, ensuring language and healthcare access and supporting meaningful civic engagement.
- e. Multnomah County welcomes and supports Korean Americans as vital members of our community.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 13, 2022 as Korean American Day in Multnomah County, Oregon, to honor and celebrate the many contributions made by Korean Americans throughout our vibrant community. We encourage other businesses, organizations, public institutions and community members to recognize Korean American Day and take time to learn about Korean American history in our county.

ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**



Deborah Kafoury

Deborah Kafoury, County Chair

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SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Lori Stegmann, District 4.