

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

- WHEREAS, The City of Edmonds celebrates the contributions of Korean Americans to our nation, region, City, and surrounding community, reaffirming our commitment to advance racial equity and representation of Korean Americans; and
- WHEREAS, January 13, 1903, commemorates and recognizes the first courageous Korean immigrants that arrived in Hawaii, initiating the first large wave of Korean immigration to the United States. These immigrants and their descendants planted roots and have continued to thrive in the United States through hard work, strong families, and community support; and
- WHEREAS, Achievements and contributions of Korean Americans, including recent immigrants, can be seen in economic strength, cultural diversity, and in all facets of American life including politics, industry, entrepreneurship, volunteerism, arts, education, and in various branches of the United States Armed Forces; and,
- WHEREAS, 2023 will mark the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between United States and the Republic of Korea in 1953; and,
- WHEREAS, Korean Americans have built and strengthened the Alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea, fostering peace on the Korean Peninsula, and promoting trade alliances as a crucial trading partner of Washington State; and,
- WHEREAS, Washington State has the sixth highest concentration of Korean Americans in the country, and the United States is home to the largest Korean diaspora community in the world; and,
- WHEREAS, the official recognition of Korean American Day is a significant way that we can celebrate the invaluable contributions of our Korean American community, and work in creating a culture of belonging and a more equitable and socially just City; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the City of Edmonds do hereby proclaim January 13, 2023

Korean American Day in Edmonds



Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ January 3, 2023

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