

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-002**

## **RECOGNIZING JANUARY 13, 2025, AS KOREAN AMERICAN DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, January 13th is nationally recognized as a day to celebrate the contributions of Korean Americans to our society; and

WHEREAS, Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States in 1903; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County has the highest concentration of ethnic Koreans, including new immigrants, first and second generation, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Korean American community has been characterized by an unparalleled work ethic, a strong value for education and an entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we celebrate and honor the Korean American community who are an integral part of our community and have contributed to our rich cultural diversity, economic strength and proud heritage; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish 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; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County welcomes and supports Korean Americans as vital members of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes January 13, 2025, as a day to honor and celebrate the many contributions made by Korean Americans throughout our vibrant community and encourages businesses, organizations, public institutions, and community members to recognize Korean American Day and take time to learn about Korean American history in our county.

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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