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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING AUGUST 15, 2025 AS THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
KOREAN DAY OF INDEPENDENCE AND 2025 AS THE 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE FOUNDING OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Ujifusa, Gu, Tikoian, and Gallo

Date Introduced: June 04, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The cornerstone of Rhode Island's founding principles is acceptance and  
2 equality for the numerous beliefs and various cultures that make our state and this country so  
3 great, and thus we are proud to be the home of numerous ethnic communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Korean American community imparts a rich history and  
5 vitality through their presence; and

6 WHEREAS, Our state's identity and strength is reflected in the observances celebrated by  
7 its various cultures and populations. Korea gained its independence from Japanese colonial rule  
8 on August 15, 1945, and the Republic of Korea was established three years later. It is an historic  
9 day commemorated with festivals and celebrations; and

10 WHEREAS, The Korean American Association of Rhode Island is a domestic nonprofit  
11 corporation founded in 1975. The organization is dedicated to promoting friendship, welfare, and  
12 education among its members and contributes to beneficial cultural exchanges and international  
13 goodwill between Koreans and Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1979, former Rhode Island Governor J. Joseph Garrahy declared August  
15 15th to be the first "Korea Day" in Rhode Island; and

16 WHEREAS, The Korean Community in Rhode Island is an essential element in our  
17 State's journey towards understanding, mutual respect, and common purpose for all people; now,  
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joyously celebrates

1 August 15, 2025 as the 80th Anniversary of the Korean Day of Independence, and 2025 as the  
2 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Korean American Association of Rhode Island; and be it  
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Korean American Association of Rhode  
6 Island.

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