

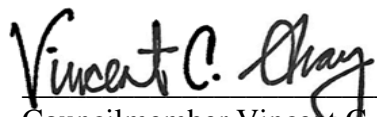
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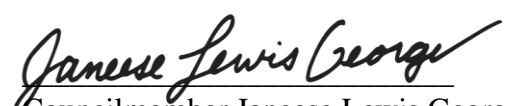
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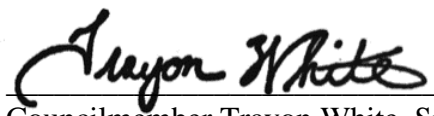
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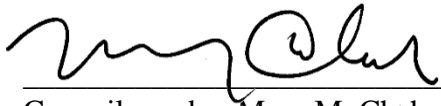
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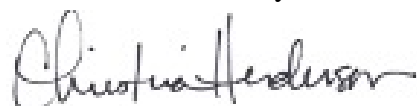
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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor the traditional Korean dish of salted and fermented vegetables, kimchi, which has been a staple of Korean cuisine and culture for thousands of years and declare November 22 and in each succeeding year, as Kimchi Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Embassy of South Korea opened in Washington, D.C., and in 1960, there were only about 400 to 500 ethnic Koreans in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, according to the American Community Survey in 2019, there were nearly two million Korean Americans in the United States, and the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan

45 Area is home to the third-largest Korean American population in the country with many Korean  
46 Americans operating businesses in Washington, D.C., and working for the Federal Government  
47 of the United States;

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49 WHEREAS, the Korean American community has enriched the cultural, social and  
50 economic landscape of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area;

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52 WHEREAS Korean popular music (K-pop), beauty products (K-Beauty), television  
53 dramas, and, with the rise of Korean American celebrity chefs, Korean food, have all had a  
54 positive and lasting impact at the local, regional, national, and international level;

55 WHEREAS, kimchi originated in Korea during the early years of the Third Kingdoms  
56 period, between the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. and 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D., and has a rich history, growing from a  
57 beloved household comfort food to a commercial product with worldwide appeal;

58 WHEREAS, there are hundreds of different types of kimchi with a wide selection of  
59 seasonings used, including gochugaru (Korean chili powder), spring onions, garlic, ginger, and  
60 jeotgal (salted seafood);

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62 WHEREAS, in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area and across the United States,  
63 there is an increasing demand for kimchi and Korean food with major retailers now carrying  
64 kimchi;

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66 WHEREAS, kimchi is a healthy food and an excellent source of nutrients, including  
67 probiotics, folate, beta-carotene, choline, potassium, calcium, and vitamins A, C, and K, many of  
68 which are associated with lower rates of stroke, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease;

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70 WHEREAS, in 2013, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural  
71 Organization officially recognized Korea’s traditional process of preparing and preserving  
72 kimchi known as kimjang, as a National Intangible Cultural Heritage Item;

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74 WHEREAS, every year, the Republic of Korea celebrates November 22 as Kimchi Day;

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76 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
77 resolution may be cited as the “Kimchi Day Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

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79 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the history of the  
80 kimchi dish and the impact of Korean food and the Korean American community in the District  
81 of Columbia and the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area and declares November 22, 2022 as  
82 Kimchi Day

83 Sec. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
84 the District of Columbia Register.