

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Hangul, the Korean alphabet, was invented in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by King Sejong the Great of Korea and has been used to write the Korean language since the alphabet's creation, and is the official writing system of both South and North Korea; and

WHEREAS, the Korean language is one of five strategic languages, along with Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian, as designated by the National Security Language Initiative, which Americans are encouraged to learn; and

WHEREAS, the Korean language is one of nine foreign languages the College Board approved to be on the SAT Subject Tests in languages, which assess a student's ability in listening to and reading a foreign language; and

WHEREAS, there are over 50,000 Americans, including Korean Americans, learning Hangul throughout the United States, and with the popularity of Korean culture rising, the Korean language is becoming more prominent globally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to one of three King Sejong Institute Centers in California, which was founded in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Assembly concurrent resolution (ACR) 109 (Quirk-Silva, et al.) aims to recognize the contributions Korean Americans have made as Californians and to American society, and to instill appreciation for Korean cultural heritage, which contributes to California's rich ethnic and cultural diversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for ACR 109 (Quirk-Silva, et al.), which would declare October 9, 2019, and each October 9 thereafter, as Hangul Day.

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