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1	[Recognizing Korean Chuseok Day - September 21, 2021]
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3	Resolution recognizing September 21, 2021, as Korean Chuseok Day and honoring
4	the Korean Center, Inc. for its contributions to the Korean American community in
5	the City and County of San Francisco.
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7	WHEREAS, Korean Chuseok Day, otherwise known as Korean Thanksgiving, is a
8	harvest festival celebrated at the autumn equinox of the Lunar Calendar and is one of the
9	most important and widely celebrated holidays in the Korean culture; and
10	WHEREAS, Korean Americans have contributed immeasurably to the culture and
11	history of this city, state, and country; and
12	WHEREAS, Korean Americans are the fifth largest Asian American ethnic group in
13	the United States, with a population of over 1.8 million and more than 500,000 in
14	California alone; and
15	WHEREAS, In the San Francisco Bay Area, Korean Americans are the sixth
16	largest Asian population with approximately 90,000 residents; and
17	WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a principal port of entry for Korean
18	immigrants since the early 1900s and more recently since the repeal of restrictive
19	immigration quotas in 1965; and
20	WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a center of political activism and cultural
21	importance for Korean Americans the late 19th century; and
22	WHEREAS, In 1883, Bobingsa, the first Korean diplomatic delegation dispatched
23	to the United States, led by Prince Min Young-lk, had San Francisco as its first destination
24	where the delegation stayed at the Palace Hotel located on 2 New Montgomery Street;
25	and

1	WHEREAS, The Korean National Association was founded in San Francisco,
2	functioning as a de facto government in exile for Koreans rendered stateless in 1910; the
3	Association's newspaper Shinhan Minbo provided knowledge and information to
4	immigrants even after Korea's liberation from Japan in 1945; and
5	WHEREAS, The Taedong Statue, located at Susan Bierman Park on the
6	Embarcadero, was donated in 1983 to the city of San Francisco by the government and
7	people of Korea to commemorate the centennial of diplomatic relations between Korea
8	and the United States and has since been continuously maintained by volunteers from the
9	San Francisco Korean seniors association (Korean American Senior Services, Inc.) for
10	the past twenty years; and
11	WHEREAS, The first Korean church in the United States, the San Francisco
12	Korean United Methodist Church, was built at 1123 Powell Street in 1928; and
13	WHEREAS, The composer, Ahn Eak-tai, went to his first service at this church and
14	was then inspired to compose what would become the Korean national anthem, Aegukga;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, The Korean American community's contributions are immeasurable
17	despite facing serious economic obstacles and social barriers, and
18	WHEREAS, The Korean Center, Inc., a non-profit, has served as a-hub for Korean
19	cultural, educational, and social services in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1974, and
20	WHEREAS, Since its founding over 45 years ago, the Korean Center, Inc. has
21	helped newly arrived Korean immigrants, Korean families, and Korean seniors realize
22	their full potential, build community, and share Korean culture in San Francisco, and
23	WHEREAS, Expressed the need for the recognition of Korean Chuseok Day to
24	bring attention to the continued needs of the underserved Korean American community
25	as well as the contributions of Korean culture to the diverse landscape and life of San

1	Francisco; now, therefore, be it
2	RESOLVED, the City and County of San Francisco shall recognize September 21,
3	2021, which is the 15th day of the 8th month of the Lunar Calendar as Korean Chuseok
4	Day, and, be it
5	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Annual Bay Area Korean Chuseok Festival held
6	by the Korean Center, Inc. in San Francisco is recognized as the city's official celebration
7	of the cultural day.
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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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Resolution recognizing September 21, 2021, as Korea Korean Center, Inc. for its contributions to the Korean and County of San Francisco.		
Signature of Sponsor	ring Supervisor: /s/ Catherine S	tefani

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