
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 22, 2023, AS "KIMCHI DAY" IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, 2023 is the one hundred twentieth anniversary of
2 the arrival of the first Korean immigrant workers in Hawaii; and

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4 WHEREAS, Korean-Americans in Hawaii have greatly
5 contributed to the diverse and vibrant culture of the State; and

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7 WHEREAS, approximately fifty thousand residents in Hawaii
8 consider themselves ethnically Korean; and

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10 WHEREAS, kimchi is a traditional Korean dish with a long,
11 rich history that began over two millennia ago during the time
12 of the Three Kingdoms of Korea; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 2013, the traditional process of preparing
15 kimchi, "kimjang", was recognized as an intangible cultural
16 heritage of humanity by the United Nations Educational,
17 Scientific and Cultural Organization; and

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19 WHEREAS, kimchi can increasingly be found for sale at many
20 major retailers across the United States and is becoming an
21 international staple, particularly as it is used in the place of
22 slaws, pickles, and sauerkraut in fusion cuisine; and

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24 WHEREAS, kimchi is an excellent source of probiotics,
25 folate, beta-carotene, choline, potassium, calcium, and vitamins
26 A, C, and K, and many of these nutrients can contribute to lower
27 rates of stroke, cancer, and diabetes; and

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29 WHEREAS, South Korea celebrates "National Kimchi Day" on
30 November 22 as a day of kimchi festivities, as the date



1 represents the eleven major ingredients in kimchi and the
2 twenty-two health benefits of the food; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2021, California passed a resolution
5 designating November 22 as Kimchi Day, and Virginia passed a
6 similar resolution in 2022; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that November 22, 2023,
11 be designated as "Kimchi Day" in Hawaii; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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OFFERED BY: *Rene Ichigane*

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