



Proclamation

Montgomery County Maryland

- WHEREAS,** on January 13, 1903, the first 102 Korean immigrants arrived in the Hawaiian Islands after a long journey across the Pacific Ocean, marking the first entry of Korean immigrants to the United States territories; and
- WHEREAS,** the first Korean immigrants to the United States worked tirelessly to establish themselves, and their children grew up to become citizens, many of whom went on to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States in all major conflicts since WWI; and
- WHEREAS,** Korean Americans have made vast contributions to the United States including the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a four time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in the fields of science, technology, finance, law, medicine, education, sports, media, arts, military, government and virtually all aspects of American life; and
- WHEREAS,** through hard work, talent and resources, Korean Americans have helped to make Montgomery County one of the nation's most diverse and outstanding places to live, work, educate children and raise a family; and
- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County, the state of Maryland and the entire United States are richer for the contributions of the Korean American community,

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Marc Elrich as County Executive do hereby proclaim January 13, 2021 as

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

in Montgomery County. I encourage our residents to join me in recognizing and celebrating the tremendous contributions of the Korean American community.



Signed this 13th day of January in the year 2021

MARC ELRICH
County Executive

TOM HUCKER
Council President