

### **Senate Resolution No. 43**

**Introduced by Senators Nguyen, Anderson, Bates, Berryhill,  
Cannella, Huff, Moorlach, Pan, and Wiecekowski**

Relative to Korean Independence Day.

WHEREAS, August 15, 2015, marks the 70th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day or Gwangbokjeol, commemorates the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonization on August 15, 1945; and

WHEREAS, The thousands of brave Korean service members and civilians who lost their lives or were imprisoned fighting for independence are a testament to the Republic of Korea's enduring strength and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, On Korean Independence Day, Koreans throughout the world unite to commemorate this day through parades, concerts, and celebrations that showcase Korea's rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 455,000 Korean Americans who celebrate this important holiday; and

WHEREAS, The Korean American community has enriched the cultural, social, and economic landscape of California; and

WHEREAS, Korean Independence Day is an opportunity to celebrate the great contributions of Korean Americans to the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Korea and the United States are historic allies that share common values and objectives through economic interdependence and security; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, that August 15, 2015, is hereby commemorated as Korean Independence Day; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 43 read and adopted by the Senate August 31, 2015.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate