

City of Santa Clara
Commendation

- WHEREAS,** National Liberation Day of Korea is celebrated annually on the 15th of August; and
- WHEREAS,** it commemorates the day when the Korean Peninsula was liberated by the Allies in 1945 from 35 years of Japanese colonial rule and coincides with the anniversary of the founding of South Korea in 1945; and
- WHEREAS,** in South Korea, it is known as Gwangbokjeol (The Day the Light Returned). The name Gwangbokjeol uses the term "restoration" instead of "independence" to emphasize that Korea had been independent for years prior to Japanese rule; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2025, Korea will mark the 80th anniversary of its liberation from Japanese colonial rule; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara acknowledges the contributions and ongoing support to the local Korean community from the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, the Silicon Valley Korean American Federation, and the San Francisco and Bay Area Korea Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the Santa Clara City Council, do hereby recognize and commemorate the

80th ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL KOREAN LIBERATION DAY

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 19th day of August 2025.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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