

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Korean American Centennial Immigration Week
DEPARTMENT: City Council
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk



PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Councilmember Chang asked that the Mayor proclaim the week of January 27, 2003 as Korean American Centennial Immigration Week. He noted that other Washington jurisdictions, such as King County and the City of Federal Way, are marking the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the immigration of Koreans to the United States with similar proclamations. This wave of immigration began on January 13, 1903 with the landing of 102 Korean immigrants at Honolulu, Hawaii. Now the number of Korean Americans is over two million.

Seung Joo Hong, of the Washington Korean American Community Association, will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation. Also in attendance will be Mr. Byung Lok Moon, or a representative from his office. Mr. Moon is the South Korean General Consul in Seattle.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the first 102 Korean immigrants landed on the shores of Hawaii on January 13, 1903, and, as occurred with other waves of immigrants, have taken root and thrived in the United States, so that today the Korean American community numbers over two million individuals; and
- WHEREAS, members of the Korean American community have served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States during all the military actions since World War I; and
- WHEREAS, Korean-Americans own and operate approximately 3,500 businesses in Washington State that have gross sales and receipts of \$1.5 billion annually and employ approximately 10,000 Washingtonians; and
- WHEREAS, beginning in January 2003, more than 100 communities throughout the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 Korean American citizens live in the City of Shoreline and make a major contribution to its commercial, educational, political, artistic and cultural life;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Jepsen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of January 27, 2003 as

KOREAN AMERICAN CENTENNIAL IMMIGRATION WEEK

in the City of Shoreline and urge our citizens to celebrate the many important contributions of Korean Americans to our City and our nation.

Scott Jepsen, Mayor