

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1875, Imperial Japan dispatched a Japanese gunship followed by a large force of the Imperial Japanese Navy to the coastal waters of Korea, and launching an attack to demand that Korea open its doors to foreign trade missions; and

WHEREAS, in 1876 Japan coerced Korea to sign the Treaty of Ganghwa, which opened three trade ports exclusively to Japan, gave extraterritorial rights to Japanese citizens in Korea, and led to the annexation of Korea by Japan in 1910; and

WHEREAS, Japanese colonial rule replaced the Korean government with Japanese military officials, seized and sold Korean land to Japanese citizens who settled in Korea, forced impoverished Korean natives to work for the Japanese government in farming, mining, construction, and shipbuilding, and censored Korean newspapers; and

WHEREAS, on March 1st 1919, Korean students and citizens assembled in Pagoda Park to announce a series of nonviolent protests to begin all across the country and to publicly read the Korean Declaration of Independence which initiated the storied Sam-il Movement, declaring independence from Japan's Imperial rule; and

WHEREAS, imperial Japan deployed overwhelming military force to put down the more than 1,500 peaceful protests, leading to the arrest, injury and death of tens-of-thousands of people in an effort to shut down the resistance movement, and started drafting Koreans to fight for the Japanese Army or to work in its factories under excruciating conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, the Korean provisional government, established in southwestern China, declared war against Japan, and four years later in 1945, at the end of the Second World War, the Korean Restoration Army, in coordination with Allied forces, defeated the Imperial Japanese Army; and

WHEREAS, on August 15th, Korea celebrates Gwangbokjul, "the day the light returned", by displaying the Taegukgi, South Korea's national flag, and all Korean citizens honor and give thanks to the courageous students and citizens who sacrificed their lives for Korean independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes August 15, 2026 as Korean Independence Day, and extends its respect and gratitude to the thousands of Koreans who so bravely fought for the ideas and ideals of sovereignty, civil rights, the rule of law, and independence during the Japanese occupation.

PRESENTED BY:


JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

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NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

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WHEREAS, we believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and in the inclusion and dignity of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 million adults in the United States live with a disability, yet only about 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs are available nationwide, leaving a critical and growing need; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Canine Companions pioneered the concept of the service dog for people with physical disabilities, establishing a new model of support that has enhanced the quality of life for thousands; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing expertly trained service dogs, along with ongoing support, to ensure successful and lasting partnerships at no cost to recipients; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions service dogs empower people with disabilities to live with greater independence through best-in-class training, lifelong follow-up services, and a strong community of support; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month raises awareness about the essential role of service dogs and the legal protections afforded to their handlers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles remains committed to building an inclusive community where all residents, and their trained service dogs, are welcomed and embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes September 2026 as National Service Dog Month, and extends its gratitude to Canine Companions and all service dog organizations for their dedication to empowering people with disabilities, advancing independence, and fostering a more inclusive community.

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BTS WEEK - WORLD TOUR 'ARIRANG' IN LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, BTS is a globally celebrated musical group from the Republic of Korea composed of RM, Jin, SUGA, j-hope, Jimin, V, and Jung Kook, who made their debut in 2013 and have since become one of the most influential musical acts of their generation; and

WHEREAS, through their music, performances, and messages of self-love, resilience, hope, and belonging, BTS has connected with millions of people across languages, cultures, and generations while helping introduce audiences around the world to Korean music and culture; and

WHEREAS, BTS has achieved historic success as the first K-pop act to receive a GRAMMY Award nomination and the first Korean act to reach the top of both the Billboard Hot 100 and Billboard 200 multiple times, opening doors for Korean and Asian artists throughout the global music industry; and

WHEREAS, BTS has used its international platform to encourage compassion and positive change, including through the LOVE MYSELF campaign with UNICEF, which raised millions of dollars to help protect children and young people from violence, abuse, and bullying; and

WHEREAS, the group has addressed world leaders at the United Nations and encouraged young people to speak for themselves, embrace their identities, and work together to build a more hopeful and inclusive future; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to one of the nation's largest and most vibrant Korean American communities, whose generations of leadership, entrepreneurship, service, and cultural contributions have strengthened the character and identity of our city; and

WHEREAS, BTS shares a special connection with Los Angeles, having performed some of the most memorable concerts of its career in the region and having reunited in Los Angeles in 2025 to begin creating its highly anticipated fifth studio album, *ARIRANG*; and

WHEREAS, released on March 20, 2026, *ARIRANG* marked the long-awaited return of all seven members and opened a new chapter in the group's artistic journey, drawing inspiration from Korean identity and heritage while carrying a message with universal meaning; and

WHEREAS, the BTS WORLD TOUR 'ARIRANG' is the largest tour of the group's career, spanning 34 regions and more than 80 performances across Asia, North America, South America, Europe, and Australia and bringing together members of ARMY from around the world; and

WHEREAS, BTS will conclude the North American portion of the tour with four highly anticipated Los Angeles performances at SoFi Stadium on September 1, 2, 5, and 6, 2026, welcoming fans from across Southern California and around the world; and

WHEREAS, these four concerts celebrate not only the return of BTS to the stage, but also the extraordinary power of music to transcend borders, build understanding, and bring people together.


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby welcome RM, Jin, SUGA, j-hope, Jimin, V, and Jung Kook back to Los Angeles; congratulate BTS on the historic BTS WORLD TOUR 'ARIRANG'; recognize the four Los Angeles performances on September 1, 2, 5, and 6, 2026; commend BTS and ARMY for their lasting contributions to music, culture, philanthropy, and global unity: and hereby declares September 1 through 8, 2026 as BTS Week in the City of Los Angeles.

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WHEREAS, Dolly Parton, the beloved singer, songwriter, actor, philanthropist, and undisputed “Queen of Country,” has passed away at the age of 80, after a remarkable career that spanned seven decades; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Rebecca Parton was born on January 19, 1946, in Sevier County, Tennessee, the fourth of 12 children raised in a one-room cabin in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton began performing at age 10, singing on radio and on TV on the “Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour” in Knoxville, made her first appearance at the Grand Ole Opry at age 13, and signed her first songwriting deal in 1962, before she had graduated high school; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton received her first major break as a featured performer on the “Porter Wagoner Show,” a syndicated country music television variety program where she appeared for 7 years, writing the now iconic “I Will Always Love You” upon her departure; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton became one of the most celebrated and prolific artists in American music, selling more than 100 million records worldwide, writing more than 3,000 songs, earning 55 Grammy nominations, and winning 11 Grammy Awards;

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton’s songs—including “Jolene,” “Coat of Many Colors,” “Here You Come Again,” “9 to 5,” and “I Will Always Love You”—crossed genres and generations, telling stories of heartbreak, resilience, ambition, dignity, and joy; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton made her debut on the big screen, starring in the 1980 comedy “9 to 5,” filmed in Los Angeles, and wrote and performed the Academy Award winning title song, which became a national anthem for working women and the continuing struggle for dignity and equality in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton was as renowned for her generosity as she was for her artistry, remaining deeply connected to her East Tennessee roots while supporting literacy, education, disaster relief, health care, and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton was an unwavering ally of the LGBTQ+ community, championing marriage equality, defending transgender rights, and uplifting drag culture, including earning an Academy Award nomination for best original song “Travelin’ Thru” for the 2005 film *Transamerica*, about a transgender woman; and



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WHEREAS, Dolly Parton contributed to research that helped support the development of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, demonstrating once again her instinct to use her success in service of others; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton established the Imagination Library in 1995 in honor of her father who could not read or write, a philanthropic endeavor through which more than 200 million books have been distributed to babies and young children; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton broke barriers for women in entertainment while remaining unmistakably herself—funny, glamorous, candid, compassionate, and guided by the conviction that success means little unless it is shared; and

WHEREAS, through her incomparable music, songwriting, boundless spirit of joy, and tireless philanthropy, Dolly Parton has made an enormous positive impact on the world around her; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles recognize and honor Dolly Parton, and the legacy she leaves behind, commemorating September 25, 2026—or, “9 to 5”—as Dolly Parton Day in the City of Los Angeles.

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