

Date of Hearing: July 15, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 52 (Choi) – As Amended July 8, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Kimchi Day.

**SUMMARY:** Celebrates November 22nd as Kimchi Day in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There is an increasing demand for kimchi and Korean food in California and the United States as all major retailers now carry kimchi.
- 2) Korean cuisine has grown on food menus in the United States since 2014, which can be attributed to the fact that Korean cuisine has been adopted in American and Mexican cuisine as Kimchi is used as an alternative to slaws, pickles, and sauerkraut.
- 3) Between 2012 and 2019, Korean cuisine saw a 34-percent increase online and 45 percent of people were interested in trying Korean cuisine.
- 4) Kimchi is an excellent source of probiotics, folate, beta-carotene, choline, potassium, calcium, and vitamins A, C, and K. Many of these nutrients can contribute to lower rates of stroke, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, and to increased immunity.
- 5) In 2013, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization officially recognized Korea's traditional process of preparation and preservation of kimchi known as "kimjang" as an "Intangible Cultural Heritage item."
- 6) The United States is home to the largest Korean diaspora in the world. California alone is home to 32 percent of the country's Korean population. Even within California, Los Angeles County houses 15 percent of the national Korean population.
- 7) The Korean American community has enriched the cultural, social, and economic landscape of California.
- 8) In South Korea, November 22 is celebrated every year by designating it as Kimchi Day.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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