

Date of Hearing: August 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 52 (Harabedian) – As Introduced July 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Kimchi Day.

SUMMARY: Celebrates November 22, 2025, as Kimchi Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Kimchi is a traditional dish in Korean cuisine with a long, rich history that began over two millennia ago during the period of the Three Kingdoms of Korea.
- 2) Korean Americans represent a vibrant, growing community in the United States whose predecessors first arrived in the United States over a century ago, and whose members have gone on to become an indispensable part of the fabric of the United States and made numerous contributions to science, law, business, art, and many other fields.
- 3) In 2013, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization officially recognized the Korean traditional process of preparing kimchi, “kimjang,” on its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- 4) Kimchi has been widely acknowledged as a probiotic food item with well-established positive health benefits that serves as an excellent source of beta-carotene, calcium, potassium, dietary fiber, and vitamins A, B, C, and K, which can lower rates of heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes.
- 5) The growing interest in and popularity of kimchi as a dish in the United States, as evidenced by an increase in available kimchi-related food products, restaurant menu items, and interest from non-Korean consumers, represents a positive example of multicultural exchange.
- 6) Kimchi is celebrated in Korea, the land of its origin, each year through the designation of November 22 as “Kimchi Day.”

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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