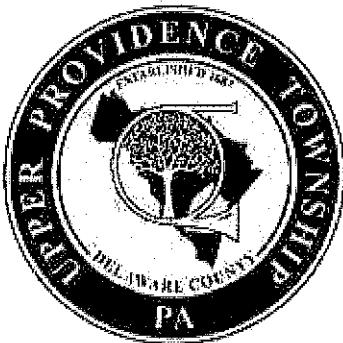


RESOLUTION 2021-15

Korean American Citizenship Day



**UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF KOREAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP DAY AND COMMEMORATING JUNE 19, 2021 AS THE KOREAN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP DAY TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST NATURALIZATION OF KOREAN AMERICAN IN 1890

WHEREAS, the influence of naturalized or natural born citizens of Korean American heritage may be observed in all facets of American life, from politics to industry, entrepreneurship to volunteerism, the arts, and education;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1890, Philip Jaisohn became the first Korean immigrant to acquire United States citizenship and established as a pioneer for the Korean American history;

WHEREAS, Year 2021 marks the 131st anniversary of the first US citizenship granted to Korean American and Korean Americans will come together on June 19 to celebrate this date as the Korean American Citizenship Day;

WHEREAS, Today, Korean American citizens live throughout the United States and are part of a vibrant, growing Korean American community in U.S.; The Korean American community is making important contributions in distinguished career fields such as law, medicine, business, education, architecture, and the arts;

WHEREAS, Philip Jaisohn, a Korean political refugee who made his home in Media, PA, made Philadelphia a central overseas base for supporting Korean independence. Inspired by the First and Second Continental Congress of the United States held in Philadelphia, Philip Jaisohn, Syngman Rhee, who is the first President of the Republic of Korea, and Han Kyong Jung organized the First Korean Congress in Philadelphia where they proclaimed Korean Declaration of Independence from April 14th to April 16th, 1919.

WHEREAS, Philip Jaisohn was noted champion of the Korean Independence Movement in America and established the Korean Information Bureau to publish the Korea Review for the cause of political and religious freedom of Korea and Far East.

WHEREAS, Philip Jaisohn and Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins founded the League of Friends of Korea that was organized in 21 American cities as well as in London and Paris with 25,000 members to educate general public, and community and government leaders about the aspirations of Korean people on the independence for Korea;

WHEREAS, first generation Korean immigrants established America as a new home and naturalized to establish new homeland for their children and future generations of Korean Americans;

WHEREAS, Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic vitality and fabric of the United States and the global marketplace in all facets of fields in government, for-profit or not-for-profit business and academic communities;

WHEREAS, Korean Americans have made history by winning elections as naturalized citizens or natural born citizens throughout the country from local, to State, and to Federal levels of political office;

WHEREAS, Korean Americans have designated June 19th, 2021 as "Korean American Citizenship Day" to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey to US citizenship of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Upper Providence Township Council does hereby

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of Korean American Citizenship Day and to promote immigrants to become naturalized citizens and to become active civic participants
- (2) urges all Americans to observe Korean American Citizenship Day in order to celebrate naturalized Korean Americans and to have a greater appreciation of their invaluable contributions made to the United States; and
- (3) honors and recognizes the 131st anniversary of the first US citizenship granted to the Korean immigrant of the United States.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we, the undersigned authorized officials of the Township of Upper Providence, Delaware County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have hereunto set our signatures and affixed hereto the Seal of the Township.

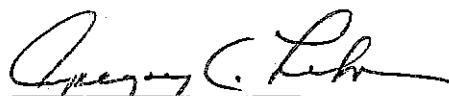
UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

Dated: June 10, 2021

BY:


Beth R. Glassman, Esq.
Chairperson Township Council

ATTEST:


Gregory C. Lebold
Township Secretary