



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, The City of Coppell celebrates the contributions of Korean Americans to our nation, region, City and surrounding community, reaffirming our commitment to advance racial equity and representation of Korean Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, January 13, 1903, commemorates and recognizes the first courageous Korean immigrants that arrived in Hawaii, initiating the first large wave of Korean immigration to the United States. These immigrants and their descendants planted roots and have continued to thrive in the United States through hard work, strong families, and community support; and

**WHEREAS**, achievements and contributions of Korean Americans, including recent immigrants, can be seen in economic strength, cultural diversity, and in all facets of American life including politics, industry, entrepreneurship, volunteerism, arts, education, and in various branches of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, 2024 will mark the 71st anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea in 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean Americans have built and strengthened the Alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea, fostering peace on the Korean Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, the official recognition of Korean American Day is a significant way that we can celebrate the invaluable contributions of our Korean American community, and work in creating a culture of belonging and a more equitable and socially just City;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2024, as

### **“KOREAN AMERICAN DAY”**

in the City of Coppell, Texas.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 9th day of January 2024.

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Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashley Owens, City Secretary