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**SR-45** (2023-2024)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

## SENATE RESOLUTION

**NO. 45**

Introduced by Senator Min

July 10, 2023

Relative to Kimchee Day.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 45, Min.

WHEREAS, Kimchee 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization officially recognized the Korean traditional process of preparing kimchee, “kimjang,” on its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Kimchee 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; and

WHEREAS, The growing interest in and popularity of kimchee as a dish in the United States, as evidenced by an increase in available kimchee-related food products, restaurant menu items, and interest from non-Korean consumers, represents a positive example of multicultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, Kimchee is celebrated in Korea, the land of its origin, each year through the designation of November 22 as “Kimchee Day”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That November 22, 2023, shall be celebrated as Kimchee Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.