



Korean Heritage Month

The Canadian Senate has designated October as Korean Heritage Month. A motion proposed by Sen. Yonah Martin (Kim Yonah) on the designation was passed on June 4, 2024.

The motion said the Senate recognized "the month of October, each and every year, as Korean Heritage Month, given the contributions that Korean Canadians have made to Canadian society, the deep-rooted friendship and bilateral ties between Canada and Korea, and the importance of Korean heritage and culture within the fabric of Canadian society."

The Canadian government has thus shown its support for the designation following the lead of its province Ontario, which in 2017 named October as Korean Heritage Month.

Ontario is home to about 80,000 Korean Canadians. Koreans started to migrate to Ontario after the devastating Second World War (1939-1945) and Korean War (1950-1953), both of which heavily affected the Korean peninsula.

Korean Canadians have made important contributions to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of Ontario's society. Having a Korean Heritage Month will provide an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Korean Canadians in the province of Ontario.

October is a historically significant month for the Korean Canadian community. On October 3, the Korean people celebrate National Foundation Day. National Foundation Day celebrates the legendary formation of the first Korean state of Gojoseon. It is widely seen by the Korean people as the creation and foundation of the modern Korean state.

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