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Dear Friends,

On behalf of London City Council, it is my solemn honour to join today with Korean communities in London, across Canada, and around the world to commemorate the 75th National Liberation Day of Korea.

This is a day upon which Koreans around the world celebrate South Korea's independence, while honouring the brave souls who secured it following the end of the Second World War. Ever since then, Canadians and South Koreans have fought side-by-side in numerous conflicts, including the Korean War. We have become partners, neighbours, and close friends.

We have celebrated this day for over five decades here in London, and we are grateful to do so again this year.

We honour our fallen veterans -- we honour their memory, and remember their sacrifice. London is a culturally diverse city where everyone has the right to live, work, play and pray in peace and harmony with one another. We can speak with whom we choose, how we choose, and when we choose. Diversity broadens our horizons, enriches our understanding and deepens our appreciation of different voices and views.

We remember those who fought to protect and advance those freedoms, and we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of those freedoms.

On behalf of London City Council, I encourage all Londoners to recognize the contributions that Korean Canadians have made to our country, and to our city.

I wish everyone a happy National Liberation Day.

Kind regards,

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Mayor, City of London

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