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MESSAGE FOR CHUSEOK

I extend my warmest greetings to the Korean Australian community as you join with so many around the world in celebrating Chuseok this year.

Chuseok is a special holiday in Korean culture, celebrating good harvest, family and the importance of the full moon as a symbol of harmony and the hope for good fortune and prosperity in the year ahead.

At this time of giving thanks, I reflect on how this joyous occasion, marked by the sharing of traditional foods such as songpyeon, jeon and wearing of colourful hanbok, is a reminder of Australia's rich cultural diversity, and how the celebration of festivals such as this is so important to the enrichment of the cultural vibrancy and diversity of our nation.

I also want to thank the Korean Australian community for the support and compassion you have shown during these challenging times. From raising funds to support for our most vulnerable to distributing masks and critical health information, you have helped keep our community safe.

Optimism for the future is an integral part of Chuseok celebrations. While I know many communities around Australia will not be able to gather together as you traditionally would, I hope you can find alternative ways to celebrate and meaningfully connect with friends and family this year, whilst also keeping safe.

I wish you and your families a very Happy Chuseok and clear skies so that you may enjoy the moon at its fullest and brightest.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Alex Hawke'.

ALEX HAWKE