

Executive Department
State of California

PROCLAMATION

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State
By *Maigie R. Kuchberger*
Deputy

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, 120,000 citizens of Japanese ancestry were uprooted from their homes, deprived of their property and interned in detention camps, and

WHEREAS, in spite of suffering such injustices and hardships, the vast majority of those interned remained loyal American citizens, and

WHEREAS, during the incarceration of their families, Japanese-American soldiers from California fought with incredible bravery in the war effort, and

WHEREAS, the injustice suffered by Japanese-Americans in violation of their civil rights as guaranteed by the Constitution is one of the dark pages in the history of our nation. Remembering this tragic action, let us again reaffirm our belief in the viability of the basic Constitutional principles of justice for each individual American.

I, THEREFORE, do hereby proclaim February 19, 1981, as "A Day of Remembrance", and urge all Californians and Americans to reflect upon the meaning of this day for our fellow Japanese-Americans and for all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of February, 1981



Edmund G. Brown
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu
Secretary of State

by *Anthony Pappalardo*
Deputy Secretary of State