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Twenty one years ago on April 9th, in one of the darkest defeats of the second World War, 75,000 Filipino and American soldiers wrote a brilliant chapter in the long history of man's bravery and courage.

On that day the beleaguered garrison at Bataan surrendered and the infamous Death March began. Today, two decades later, what was then received by the Allied forces as a crushing military defeat is remembered with pride as the beginning of a great and significant victory.

Even more important, it is, and should continue to be, remembered as an example of courage and endurance by men prepared to die in the defense of freedom, an example which we who are involved in a different struggle must bear in our hearts and minds if we are to prevail.

THEREFORE, In memory of the Filipinos and Americans who fell at Bataan and in a spirit of rededication to their example of courage and commitment, I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim that April 9, 1963 be observed as Bataan Day in California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 20th day of March, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-three.



Edmund G. Brown
Governor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Jordan

Secretary of State

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