

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



A PROCLAMATION
by the Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a cloud of suspicion fell upon all Americans of Japanese ancestry; and

WHEREAS, this fear of sabotage and espionage led to the issuance of Executive Order No. 9066 on February 19, 1942, which resulted in the evacuation and internment of 112,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Japanese Americans were forced to sell their possessions, farms and businesses and relocate to bleak camps surrounded by barbed wire; and

WHEREAS, these American citizens and residents, separated from their family and friends, suffered severe emotional and financial trauma during this dark chapter of American history; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II be remembered to ensure that American citizens will never again be refused their personal liberties while residing in their own country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim February 19, 1986 as A Day of Remembrance: Japanese American Evacuation and encourage all Californians to reflect upon this tragic action taken against American citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of January 1986.

George Deukmejian
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

