

A R E S O L U T I O N

TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

GREETINGS!

WHEREAS, all of the people of the United States of America; regardless of their race, color, or national origin, should be united as one nation indivisible in the common undertaking of preserving for ourselves and our posterity the liberties and freedom of our democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance that misunderstandings, unfounded accusations, and unjust oppressive measures should not be permitted to hamper or hinder the services and sacrifices which an American minority is now giving, or may be able to give, in the future to our country; and

WHEREAS, the success of our National Defense Program, which is vital and necessary to our protection, materially depends upon the speedy discovery and eradication of any and all espionage and sabotage activities conducted by agents of foreign powers within the jurisdiction of our government; and

WHEREAS, it is the express duty and obligation of every citizen of every nationality, creed, or color, to report unreservedly to the proper authorities any and all persons, groups, or associations actively engaged in, or contemplating, or suspected of, activities, policies, enterprises, and propaganda dissemination which are detrimental to the best interests of the American people and our form of government, which may come to his knowledge or attention; and

WHEREAS, the great majority of American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their resident alien parents who, by law, have been denied citizenship, mindful of the priceless privileges and opportunities which our Republic has granted to them, are loyal and devoted to the Stars and Stripes, and the principles for which they stand; and

WHEREAS, these citizens and resident aliens of Japanese extraction are desirous of continuing to serve their land to the best of their ability and in assuming their share of responsibility for the common safety and welfare in this period of grave emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNANIMOUS ACTION OF THE FIFTY-FIVE CHAPTERS OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

(1) THAT WE DO HEREBY PLEDGE OURSELVES AND OUR ORGANIZATION, UNEQUIVOCALLY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS WHATSOEVER, TO EXERCISE EXTRAORDINARY VIGILANCE AND TO REPORT ANY AND ALL CASES OF ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE WHICH MAY COME TO OUR ATTENTION TO THE PROPER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES; and

(2) THAT WE DO HEREBY CALL UPON ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY AND UPON ALL RESIDENT ALIEN JAPANESE IN EVERY SECTION OF OUR COUNTRY TO JOIN WITH US IN OFFERING OUR INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL FACILITIES AND COOPERATION TO ALL AGENCIES WHICH ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE DIFFICULT AND IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING US ALL FROM THE ENEMIES WITHIN OUR NATION; and

(3) THAT WE DO HEREBY CREATE SPECIAL COMMITTEES IN EVERY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE WHICH WILL STAND READY AT ALL TIMES TO SERVE OUR GOVERNMENT IN ANY CAPACITY TO WHICH WE MAY BE CALLED, TO THE END THAT WE MAY CARRY, AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, OUR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST IN THE CIVILIAN AS WELL AS THE MILITARY DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY.