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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Regarding Recognizing
February 19th as the day of Remembrance:
Japanese American Evacuation

Resolution No. 2026 - 02 (FCBE)
Resolution No. 2026 - 02 (FCSS)

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 authorizing the evacuation, exclusion and incarceration of approximately 120,000 United States citizens and permanent United States residents of Japanese ancestry during World War II; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2500 United States citizens and permanent United States residents of Japanese ancestry from throughout Fresno County were sent to camps in the United States for approximately three years (1942 - 1945); and

WHEREAS, most United States citizens and permanent United States residents of Japanese ancestry from Fresno County were relocated to War Relocation Centers in Gila River, Arizona and Jerome, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, after being forcibly removed from their homes and prior to being transferred to concentration camps in remote locations throughout the United States, approximately 10,000 United States citizens and permanent United States residents of Japanese ancestry from the West coast were housed in assembly centers in Fresno County for two to five months where they lived in horse stalls at the Fresno Fairgrounds (Fresno Assembly Center) and temporary barracks installed at a lumber yard in Pinedale (Pinedale Assembly Center); and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (Public Law No. 100-383), in which on behalf of the United States government, acknowledged and formally apologized for the "fundamental violations of the basic civil liberties and constitutional rights of these individuals of Japanese ancestry"; and

WHEREAS, it is stated in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that the Act was intended to discourage the occurrence of similar injustices and violations in the future and make more credible and sincere any declaration of concern by the United States over violations of human rights committed by other nations; and

WHEREAS, historically, textbooks used by California's public school students have not accurately portrayed the evacuation, exclusion and incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry as a violation of basic civil liberties and human rights, nor have such textbooks included a discussion of findings of the Federal Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, of court decisions that dealt with this event, nor of the passage and signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988; and

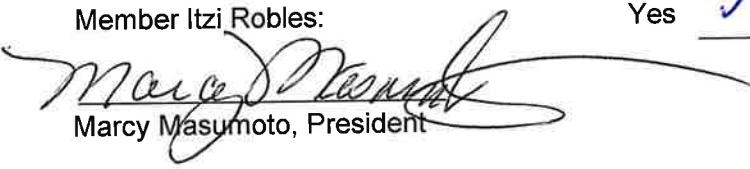
WHEREAS, the 1987 History/Social Science Framework states: "Attention should be paid to the effect of the war on the home front"...."The relocation and internment of . . . Japanese Americans during the war on grounds of national security was a governmental decision that should be analyzed as a violation of their human rights.

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2023, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation designating February 19th, as "Day of Remembrance: Japanese American Evacuation."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools do hereby recognize February 19, 2026, as "Day of Remembrance: Japanese American Revolution and encourage all Fresno County School Districts to participate with appropriate activities and curriculum on this day and throughout the year".

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting on January 15, 2026, by the following votes:

President Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Allen Clyde:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Itzi Robles:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>


Marcy Masumoto, President

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:


Dr. Michele Cartwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 1/15/26

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By: 

Date: 1/15/26

Dr. Michele Cartwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education