



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 allowing for regional military commanders to designate military areas from which “any and all persons may be excluded”; and

*W*HEREAS, Executive Order 9066 forcibly removed and incarcerated 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast in military zones established by the U.S. Army in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington during World War II; and

*W*HEREAS, Issei-immigrants, Nisei and Nisei children were targeted, rounded up in the days following the attacks on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and forced to leave their homes, shops, farms, fishing boats and possessions; and

*W*HEREAS, on December 18, 1944, the Supreme Court handed down two decisions regarding the legality of incarceration under Executive Order 9066, ultimately ending the internment of Japanese-Americans; and

*W*HEREAS, even after the return of Japanese Americans to their homes, many met waves of hostility and found their properties and possessions had been seized;

*W*HEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants of diverse backgrounds and we are a stronger nation because of it; and

*W*HEREAS, whether your family settled in Connecticut three hundred years ago, or three days ago – you are welcome here. We must honor our nation’s call to, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,” which we also hold as a core value in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, this Day of Remembrance offers an opportunity to reflect on the responsibilities and covenants of individuals, societies and governments; and

*W*HEREAS, we must ensure the failings of our nation are not repeated in the future; and

*W*HEREAS, the Day of Remembrance has been established for the citizens of Connecticut and the nation to remember the victims of the Japanese-American internment camps and reflect upon our own humanity and the need to respect all peoples; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby honor and recognize February 19, 2017 as

JAPANESE-AMERICANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

in the State of Connecticut.




GOVERNOR