

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2013-2014

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, the government of the United States has acknowledged that the evacuation, relocation, and internment of over 110,000 United States citizens of Japanese ancestry, permanent resident Japanese aliens, as well as the Aleuts, during World War II was an injustice and a violation of their basic civil liberties and human rights by passing and signing into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (Public Law No. 100-383), 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 this evacuation, relocation, and internment experience as a violation of basic civil liberties and human rights, nor included a discussion of findings of the Federal Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, court decisions that dealt with this event, the passage and signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, nor the provisions of ACR 37 of the State of California, 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 110,000 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."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District, that the annual Day of Remembrance be reaffirmed with January 7, 2014, as a "Day of Remembrance" and that January 27 through March 21, 2014, be affirmed as the time for student visits to the California Museum of History, Women, and the Arts.