



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed and issued Executive Order 9066 resulting in the forced removal and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese people on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, during World War II the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Naval Intelligence reported that the Japanese community posed no internal danger to the United States, and no charge of wrongdoing was ever filed against any Japanese Americans; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Americans bravely volunteered to serve in the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service during World War II; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 into law, finding that Executive Order 9066 was not justified by national security, and the incarceration constituted grave injustice to Japanese Americans; and

WHEREAS, today we hold the annual Day of Remembrance, commemorated by families and individuals of all backgrounds across the United States, to recognize this moment in our history and inspire a more just and united future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has a rich and vibrant Japanese American community that has brought enrichment to the city through their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Day of Remembrance commemorated on February 18, 2018, marks the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the issuance of Executive Order 9066, an event that changed the course of American culture and history:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2018 to be DAY OF REMEMBRANCE IN CHICAGO and urge all Chicagoans to stand together in acknowledging both the hardships and courage and the resolve of the Japanese American community during this turbulent time in our nation's history.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor