



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants, made up of diverse people; and*

*WHEREAS, 70 years ago, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066; and*

*WHEREAS, during World War II, 120,000 civilians of Japanese descent, two thirds of whom were American citizens, were incarcerated in internment camps; and*

*WHEREAS, almost 10,000 of the total 120,000 civilians of Japanese descent were incarcerated in an internment camp called Minidoka or "Hunt" in Jerome County, Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the former Minidoka site now is the Minidoka Internment National Monument; and*

*WHEREAS, almost 1,000 Japanese-American men from the Minidoka internment camp fought in the United States Army; and*

*WHEREAS, volunteers from Minidoka were part of the units, known as the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service during WWII; and*

*WHEREAS, internees held in the Minidoka camp had the highest enlistment rate and highest casualty rate of all ten major internment camps in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team became the most highly decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the United States military; and*

*WHEREAS, on October 5, 2010, President Barack Obama signed S.1055 which granted the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award, collectively, to the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT, the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service for their extraordinary accomplishments in World War II; and*

*WHEREAS, Japanese-Americans in our communities have continued to contribute to our society and have distinguished themselves in all walks of life;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2013, to be*

## ***A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE***

*in Idaho, to commemorate the anniversary of the internment and as a time to reflect on the need for tolerance, especially in times of national emergency and war.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. 'Butch' Otter", written over a horizontal line.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa", written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE