

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESCINDING THE JUNE 10, 1943 RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RELEASE  
OF INTERNED AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY**

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 1943, during the height of World War II, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution (Attachment A) opposing the release of Japanese residents confined at various internment camps in California and throughout the United States pursuant to Executive Order 9066, issued by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and

**WHEREAS**, as it is now widely understood, the internment of Japanese residents by Executive Order during World War II was a shameful action motivated by racial discrimination, prejudice, and baseless fears rather than any legitimate considerations of safety and security; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors rejects discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, sex, national origin, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and any other characteristic or status common to forms of discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors is proud to acknowledge and cherish the accomplishments of the many residents of the community of Japanese heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors apologizes to all people of Japanese ancestry for its adoption of the June 10, 1943 resolution, and particularly for supporting the continued baseless and unjust wartime evacuation and internment of Japanese residents; and
2. For the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Supervisors revokes the June 10, 1943 resolution included as Attachment A and declares it to be antithetical to the values and beliefs of the current Board of Supervisors and the community generally; and
3. The Board of Supervisors finds the revocation of the 1943 resolution is a step towards reconciliation and healing of past discrimination that has no place in a democratic society today.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 27th day of February 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Julie Dachtler, Senior Deputy Clerk  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy (Seal)

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

## **ATTACHMENT A**

JUNE 10th, 1943.

The Board of Supervisors is hereby called to meet in special session in their meeting room, in the Court House, in the City of Woodland, on June 10th, 1943, at 2 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of acting on a proposed resolution protesting the return of Japanese to the West Coast, and also recommending the use of funds of said Japanese for their support, and also authorizing the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Town of Winters for the care of dogs.

W. Weismith  
F.B. Edson  
T.D. Cummins  
John Reuter

June 10th, 1943.

Pursuant to the above call, the Board met in Special session this day, in their meeting room, in the Court House, in the City of Woodland, at the hour of 2: o'clock P.M.

All members present, Chairman Weismith presiding.

Agreement with Town of Winters.

Supervisor Cummins moved that the Chairman be authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Town of Winters, for the care of dogs.

Supervisor Edson seconded the motion and on roll call the motion was declared carried and so ordered.

Ayes: Edson, Cummins, Reuter, Weismith.      Noes: None      Absent: None

Resolution,

Supervisor Cumming moved the adoption of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION PROTESTING RELEASE OF JAPANESE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, have been advised that the Federal Authorities are considering the release of the Japanese who are at present confined in Relocation Centers in various parts of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the general feeling of the residents of this County that said Japanese because of their inborn native untrustworthiness should not be permitted to leave such relocation centers and again infiltrate into the various sections of the United States and more particularly the Western Coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it the general feeling of the people of this community that the presence of Japanese in this area will lead to unnecessary crime and bloodshed because of the existing revengeful feelings of the inhabitants of the West Coast toward the Japanese as a race; and

WHEREAS, it is the general feeling of the people of this community and of this Board that such release of said Japanese would lead to an unnecessary wave of crime, unlawful acts and unrest; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been advised that in excess of \$200,000.00 is now held by said Japanese as their own property; and

WHEREAS, it is the general feeling of the people of this community and of this Board that said \$200,000.00 should be held by said Japanese should be used for their support and maintenance during the period of their confinement in said relocation centers;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, do hereby most strongly protest against the release of any more Japanese from the relocation centers in which they are now confined.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED and the said Board of Supervisors does hereby protest the granting of permission to any Japanese the right to come within any area of the United States within two hundred (200) miles of any coast line.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED by said Board of Supervisors, and they do hereby recommend that the \$200,000.00 now held by said Japanese be used for their support and maintenance while they are confined in said relocation centers.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a certified copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to Hon. Congressman John M. Costello, Dies Committee, Federal Building, Los Angeles, by the Clerk of this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, this 10th day of June, 1943.

W. Weismith  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California.

(Seal)

H.R. Saunders  
Clerk of said Board

Supervisor Reuter seconded the motion and on roll call the motion was declared carried and so ordered.

Ayes: Edson, Cummins, Reuter, Weismith.      Noes: None      Absent: None

(Seal)

H.R. Saunders  
Clerk of said Board.

W. Weismith  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California.

Board Adjourned.

Attest:

H.R. Saunders  
Clerk of the Board.

W. Weismith  
Chairman of the Board.