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Sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District Council

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Emergency Resolution #6

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO SOLIDARITY AGAINST HATE CRIMES

WHEREAS, we share with our fellow Americans and with others throughout the world the grief over the tragic loss of innocent victims in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, we hold in highest esteem the heroism of public safety personnel and ordinary citizens who lost their lives while saving or protecting countless numbers of others; and

WHEREAS, we join with others that seek meaningful ways to reach out to those suffering from personal injury or loss of a friend or loved one and support the many national and local leaders who have spoken out in efforts to heal our country and our communities; and

WHEREAS, past experiences such as the internment of over 110,000 innocent people of Japanese descent during WWII have taught us that the constitutional rights of citizens can be violated when suspicion and animosity are misdirected toward a group of individuals solely on the basis of their descent; and

WHEREAS, Arabs, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, those of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent, as well as other minority groups have become targets of harassment, abuse, and violence in misguided reprisals against their communities; and

WHEREAS, by protecting our civil rights at home and respecting human rights everywhere, we

believe that America can show the world that its true strength lies, not only in military and economic might, but also in its moral and spiritual leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League to direct each local Chapter to condemn unlawful acts of malicious harassment, intimidation, or violence that is motivated by the offender's bias against a group of people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to direct each local Chapter to contact their Congressional Representatives, urging them to vote in favor of the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 or a subsequent, related version of anti-hate crimes legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to demand their local law enforcement agencies to comply with the 1990 Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act in reporting hate crimes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to consider measures to educate the public in order to help prevent future crimes based upon misdirected anger or hate.

Sponsored by the Dayton Chapter, approved by the Midwest District Council

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