

1                                   **JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**  
2                                   **48th JACL National Convention**  
3                                   **National Council Meeting**  
4                                   Washington, D.C.  
5                                   July 7, 2017  
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7           **A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN**  
8           **CITIZENS LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING JACL’S PRESENCE AS A**  
9           **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

10   **WHEREAS**, the JACL is a national organization whose mission is to secure and maintain the  
11   civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry;  
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14   **WHEREAS**, the Midwest District Council of the JACL includes 20 states, the largest  
15   geographical area of any JACL district; and  
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17   **WHEREAS**, the Midwest District Council has Congressional representation which comprises 40  
18   of 100 members of the United States Senate and 168 of 435 members of the House of  
19   Representatives making it impossible to ignore this region for any successful national legislative  
20   campaign; and  
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22   **WHEREAS**, the Midwest region was instrumental in securing passage of redress legislation,  
23   which relied on an extensive legislative campaign for its success; and  
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25   **WHEREAS**, many areas in the MDC lack racial and ethnic diversity creating a need for  
26   programs to promote diversity and awareness for AAPI experiences and to respond to incidents  
27   of anti-Asian sentiment; and  
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29   **WHEREAS**, in the current political environment where civil rights are being challenged, JACL  
30   needs the support of Midwest members of Congress on key civil rights issues; and  
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32   **WHEREAS**, the placement of JACL offices must be consistent with JACL’s role as a national  
33   civil rights organization; and  
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35   **WHEREAS**, JACL needs to keep a national presence to maintain its effectiveness to act against  
36   injustice in the future on the national stage.  
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38   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese**  
39   **American Citizens League** that the MDC office and staff are fundamental for JACL to fulfill its  
40   mission on a national basis; and

41   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that JACL must continue to allocate financial resources to the  
42   MDC office and staff.  
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45 Sponsored by: Midwest District Council  
46 (JACL entity)

Dated: 04/29/2017  
Month/Day/Year

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48 Approved by: Elizabeth Sato  
49 Name (Please Print)

Title: MDC District Governor

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51 Signed: /s/  
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56      Fiscal Impact Statement attached

57   X   No Fiscal Impact