

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304259

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE OCT 27 2008

WHEREAS, in 1934 the Oyama Family purchased and moved onto a farm near Chula Vista, owned by Fred Oyama, a United States citizen and native Californian; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of World War II the United States government removed the Oyama Family from their home and interned them in a relocation camp; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 the State of California ordered the Oyama Family to forfeit their land under its Alien Land Act, because even though the title to the property was in Fred's name, his father Kajiro Oyama, a California resident, barred from citizenship because of his ancestry, had paid for the property; and

WHEREAS, when the California Supreme Court upheld the taking of their property, the Oyama Family courageously appealed to United States Supreme Court with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 the United States Supreme ruled in *Oyama v. California* that California's Alien Land Act was applied unconstitutionally, because it denied the Oyama Family equal protection of the law; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Court's decision the Oyama Family and many other similarly situated Californians of Japanese-American descent were able to retain ownership of their property; and

WHEREAS, this year the American Civil Liberties Union, San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the landmark Oyama case; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby honor Kajiro Oyama and his family, commend them for the courage of their convictions and proclaim September 24, 2008 to be "KAJIRO OYAMA AND OYAMA FAMILY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of OCT 14 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10.27.08
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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