

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 RELATING TO SUSTAINING THE TEACHER TRAINING**  
9                   **WORKSHOP PROGRAMS**

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11   **WHEREAS**, education about Japanese American history and incarceration is an integral part of  
12 the mission of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL); and  
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14   **WHEREAS**, the JACL successfully completed the inaugural series of 5-day “Civil Liberties in  
15 Times of Crises” (CLTC) training for teachers from across the nation supported by a grant from  
16 the National Endowment for the Humanities in the amount of \$165,000; and  
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18   **WHEREAS**, 72 teachers convened in the summer, 2016, to learn about the historical background  
19 of the Japanese American incarceration during World War II, connections to current events and  
20 other communities, and the ongoing lessons of discrimination, civil liberties, and justice; and  
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22   **WHEREAS**, the National Endowment for the Humanities considered the CLTC evaluation  
23 ratings to be among the highest of the national programs made available under their Landmarks  
24 Grant; and  
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26   **WHEREAS**, the JACL also successfully completed a series of workshops supported by a  
27 \$98,000 grant from the National Park Service which funded workshops in 2014, 2015, and 2016  
28 in Boston, Minneapolis, Phoenix (twice), Salt Lake City, Santa Fe, Merced, Albuquerque,  
29 Houston, and Seattle; and  
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31   **WHEREAS**, each of the teachers attending the workshops developed a lesson plan to present to  
32 their students, share with colleagues in their respective school districts, and share with teachers  
33 nationally through online access; and  
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35   **WHEREAS**, such lessons will eventually reach thousands of students who, as they mature, will  
36 more likely resist acceptance of the proposition that such abridgment of civil rights in times of  
37 national crisis is an inevitable and necessary government policy; and  
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39   **WHEREAS**, the teachers’ lesson plans are developed to fulfill respective state social studies  
40 standards, thereby ensuring future interest of national, regional, state, and local educational  
41 organizations and institutions; and  
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43   **WHEREAS**, the Japanese American National Museum has expressed interest in continuation of  
44 in-kind support of future workshop programs through use of its facilities and resources; and  
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46 **WHEREAS**, the teacher training programs contributed toward advancing every component of  
47 the JACL's Strategic Plan; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, the 2017-2018 JACL Budget has a program plan for NEH Summer Workshops  
50 with about 1,100 national staff hours currently allocated to the program; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, the NEH program and similar programs have been nurtured and established under  
53 the custodianship of recently retired national staff member Bill Yoshino; and

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55 **WHEREAS**, it is critical that these programs be passed onto a new staff member and it is  
56 unclear that this transition has taken place.

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58 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Japanese**  
59 **American Citizens League** that the Executive Director be directed to sustain these programs.

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63 **Sponsored by:** Midwest District Council  
64 **(JACL entity)**

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

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66 **Approved by:** Elizabeth Sato  
67 **Name (Please Print)**

**Title:** MDC District Governor

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74  **Fiscal Impact Statement attached**  
75  **No Fiscal Impact**