

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
40th Biennial National Convention
National Council Meeting
Salt Lake City, Utah
July 16-20, 2008

RESOLUTION FORM

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN
CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO THE GOLD HILL WAKAMATSU COLONY.

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1869, the Pacific Mail Steamship China landed in San Francisco, carrying the first documented immigrants from Japan to the United States. This group, led by John Henry Schnell, founded the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony on 160 acres near the historic gold rush town of Coloma; and

WHEREAS, After many hardships and misfortunes, the Colony disbanded and most returned to Japan. Legend has it that only the samurai Matsunosuke Sakurai and Okei Ito, the Schnells' nursemaid remained behind at the Colony site. They were befriended and employed by the Veerkamp family, who farmed the adjoining lands; and

WHEREAS, Okei Ito died of a fever in the spring of 1871. A marble headstone now marks her grave, inscribed in both English and Japanese, "In Memory of Okei, Died 1871, Age 19 Years, A Japanese Girl"; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, historians in Aizu Wakamatsu and in Northern California worked with the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and the California State Government to designate 1969 as the centennial year of Japanese immigration to the United States; and

WHEREAS, New efforts to acquire and resurrect the site of the Wakamatsu Colony are currently underway, thanks to the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Foundation, a partnership between the American River Conservancy, the local chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Veerkamp family, and others in the community; and

WHEREAS, In May 2007, the Northern California Western Nevada and Pacific District Council voted unanimously to support the efforts of the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the National Council of the JACL endorse and support the work of the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation to acquire and refurbish the colony site, and in the future plans to develop an educational public park that will teach everyone about this colony and the earliest history of Japanese in America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the JACL chapters and District Councils be warmly encouraged to share this chapter in our history with their own local communities, and if possible, help in the efforts to educate and build support for the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National JACL staff and Board Officers be authorized to provide assistance to the Foundation, upon the request of the Foundation, in the efforts to educate leaders of Congress about the Wakamatsu Colony; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the planners and organizers of the JAACL/Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) Washington DC National Leadership Conference be encouraged to consider incorporating lessons and activities about the efforts to acquire and develop the colony site into the plans for the upcoming conferences; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution is provided to the Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Foundation Board.

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Chapter

DATED: 5/8/08

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Resolution Number (leave blank) **Date:** 5/8/2008

Resolution Name: Gold Hill Wakamatsu Colony Project

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Revenue:	2009	2010	TOTAL
1 Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2 General Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Pacific Citizen	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5 Book Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6 Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7 Fund Raising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8 Fees & Registration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9 Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures:			
20 Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21 Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22 Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23 Membership/Association Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
24 Equipment-Expendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
25 Postage & Delivery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
26 Printing & Copying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
27 Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28 Telephone	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
29 Books and Publications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
30 Meetings/Conferences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
31 Registration & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32 Travel Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
33 National Board Activity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
34 Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
35 Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
36 Editorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
37 Composition/Presswork	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
38 Circulation & Mailing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
39 Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40 Occupancy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
41 Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
42 Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
43 Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
44 Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
45 Staff Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
46 Scholarship/Student Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
47 Personnel Recruitment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
48 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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