

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA ★ PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Fred T. Korematsu was an American citizen born on January 30, 1919 and raised in Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu was one of approximately 120,000 innocent people of Japanese descent, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, who were subject to Executive Order 9066, issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, that required Japanese Americans be removed from their homes and placed in internment camps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu refused to comply with this order, was arrested, convicted in Federal Court, and was placed in an internment camp along with his family members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu courageously appealed his conviction to the United States Supreme Court, which, in the landmark case of *Korematsu v. United States*, voted 6–3 that the forced internment was justified based on “military necessity;” and

WHEREAS, the conviction of Mr. Korematsu was overturned in 1983, and he continued his quest to assure civil liberties for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Korematsu used his story to teach the next generation, “protest, but not with violence, and don’t be afraid to speak up. One person can make a difference, even if it takes 40 years;” and

WHEREAS, Arizona stands strong in our commitment to equal justice under the law; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ducey in April 2021 signed legislation to honor WWII internment camp survivor Fred Korematsu with the observance of “Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution” which will be celebrated each year on January 30.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 30, 2022, as

FRED T. KOREMATSU DAY



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE