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RESOLUTION NO. 22113 - 2

WHEREAS, a state of war exists between the government of the United States and the government of Japan and it is of paramount importance to the people of this Nation that the possibilities for Fifth Column activities be reduced to a minimum; and

WHEREAS, there are on the Pacific Coast of the United States many Japanese nationals and persons of Japanese descent irrespective of American citizenship, including many residents of the State of Oregon, who, under the existing circumstances, should be subject to restrictions by the United States in order that possible Fifth Column activities be minimized; and

WHEREAS, it may be true that many such Japanese nationals and persons of Japanese descent irrespective of American citizenship are not in accord with the aggression practiced by the Japanese government, the public welfare demands that the paramount importance of the safety of this Nation subjugates such individual attitude on the part of individual Japanese nationals and persons of Japanese descent irrespective of American citizenship, residents of this country, inasmuch as it is impossible to determine by any known process the actual loyalty of such resident Japanese nationals and persons of Japanese descent irrespective of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the report of the Special Commission appointed by the President to investigate circumstances incident to the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 clearly indicates the extent to which Fifth Column activities had been operating in the Islands of the Hawaiian group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Portland in regular session assembled does by this Resolution memorialize the government of the United States through its respective agencies and departments to take appropriate steps immediately to intern and remove from the Coastal areas of the United States all Japanese

nationals and persons of Japanese descent irrespective of American citizenship, that the same be interned for the duration of the war and thus kept under proper supervision by the government of this Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution signed by the Mayor and Auditor and bearing the seal of the City of Portland be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Navy and that copies be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the Attorney General and to the Oregon delegation in the houses of Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be entered upon the minutes of this meeting of the Council.

Adopted by the Council, February 19, 1942.

Commissioner Cooper

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND

Will E. Gibson.
AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND

