

# Whereas

*Whereas,* over 33,000 Nisei (second-generation Japanese Americans) served with honor in the United States military during World War II; and

*Whereas,* as described in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" led to over 120,000 Japanese Americans being forced from their homes in west-coast states and incarcerated in ten "internment camps" and relocation centers including the Pacific International Livestock Exposition Center (now the Portland Expo Center); and

*Whereas,* these Americans served in the famed 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe, which became to this day, the most decorated unit in U.S. military history for their size and length of service; and

*Whereas,* Nisei also served in the United States Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS) as military linguists in the war with Japan in the Pacific Theater; and

*Whereas,* Japanese American World War II Nisei soldiers, including those from Portland, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011 for their exemplary service and patriotism; and

*Whereas,* the United States Postal Service is issuing a commemorative "Go For Broke Soldiers" stamp that would tell the inspiring story of the patriotic service of Japanese Americans during World War II.

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim June 3, 2021 to be

*Go For Broke Day*

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Proclaim June 3, 2021 to be Go For Broke  
Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor  
Wheeler)

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**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
**Auditor of the City of Portland**

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Deputy

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio -  
Ryan -  
Hardesty -  
Mapps -  
Wheeler -