

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution honoring **Sam Isamu Sakamoto** for his service and sacrifice)
to this country and his assignment to the decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team.....)

WHEREAS, Sam Sakamoto and wife Yaeko worked as farmers in Soquel, California, late into their 70's, they raised two sons, one daughter and have four grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Sam Isamu Sakamoto was born on February 13, 1925 in Seattle, Washington and grew up on Vashon Island. His Issei parents, first generation immigrants came from Ozu-machi, Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Sam Sakamoto was 16, when he and his family were imprisoned at the Tule Lake Internment Camp. When Sam registered for military service he was classified 4C "Enemy Alien"; and

WHEREAS, In 1943 the Sakamoto Family was permitted to leave camp for a guaranteed job at Sandy, Utah, where Sam graduated from Jordan High School; and

WHEREAS, In September 1943, Sam was drafted into the U.S. Army at Fort Douglas, Utah and sent to Camp Blanding, Florida for basic training; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the second-to-last replacement unit, Sam's troop transport arrived in Naples, Italy, where he was assigned to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, In spring of 1945, Sam's unit moved to the front lines in northern Italy for the final assault against the German Gothic Line; and

WHEREAS, As Private First Class, Sam received an honorable discharge. his honors include the Combat Infantry Badge and the overseas medal. He was also among the Japanese American Nisei Veterans of World War II who received the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington, DC in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors Sam Isamu Sakamoto for his courage, bravery, sacrifice and being a member of the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team. With humility, they continue to serve our country.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____, 2018.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy