WHEREAS: The 442nd Regimental Combat Team volunteered for combat duty in Europe to help their nation win the war and to prove their loyalty, while their families were incarcerated in camps at home; and

WHEREAS: The 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team became one of the most decorated unit in United States Military history its size and length of service; and

WHEREAS: The 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team's motto "Go For Broke" became known across the world as a fitting description of the proven fighting spirit embodied by every member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; and

WHEREAS: The Military Intelligence Service included over 6,000 Japanese-American soldiers who conducted highly classified intelligence operations in every campaign throughout the Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS: 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service provided the United States of America with service beyond the call of duty and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, highest civilian honor, for their valor.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim February 26, 2012 to be

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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, January 18, 2012.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State