



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 23, 2016

The Honorable Megan Brennan
Postmaster General
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan,

On behalf of the State of California, I respectfully urge you to approve a commemorative stamp to honor the patriotism exhibited by Japanese Americans during World War II.

During World War II, an estimated 120,000 Japanese Americans were forcibly placed into "internment camps" throughout the United States for the duration of the war. Over 33,000 Americans of Japanese heritage served in the US Army despite the adversity they were suffering at home. Many soldiers enlisted while being imprisoned in the internment camps, and left behind family and friends who remained confined while they fought overseas.

I urge you to issue this stamp in time for next year's 75th anniversary, remembering the order of internment of Japanese Americans. This stamp will help preserve the memory and help educate and promote dialogue on this important part of our history for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

cc: The Honorable Doris Matsui, Member of Congress