

# HOW TO BRING FRED KOREMATSU DAY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE CONSTITUTION TO YOUR STATE

In 2010, the Governor of California signed the legislative bill establishing the first Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution on January 30 in perpetuity. It is the first statewide day in U.S. history named after an Asian American.

Since 2010 Hawaii, Virginia, Florida, New York City, Arizona, New Jersey, and now Michigan have also established a day of recognition every year in honor of Fred Korematsu's fight for justice and the importance of upholding our civil liberties and the Constitution.

If Fred Korematsu Day is not recognized in your state, you can work with your elected officials to put forth legislation for consideration. While the process varies slightly from state to state, you can learn more about your state process, find your local legislators, and see the current State Legislative Session Calendar on the National Conference of State Legislatures website (www.ncsl.org).



#### FIND A Legislator

Locate an elected official in your state who may support your idea for a Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution.

# ASK THE LEGISLATOR TO SPONSOR A BILL

The legislator would find partners and draft the bill and introduce it for consideration in your state.



#### COMMITTEI REVIEW

The bill will be assigned to a committee for study.



## FLOOR ACTION

If the committee releases the bill, it will be debated and voted on by the full legislative body.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

If your state has two bodies and the bill passes in both chambers, a conference committee will work out any differences between the two versions.



### APPROVAL IN BOTH CHAMBERS

The revised Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution bill will return to both chambers for final approval.

The Governor signs the legislative bill into law.

