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Bristol Town Hall  
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Bristol, RI 02809

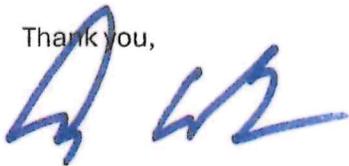
Dear Mr. Ley and Members of the Bristol Town Council,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Town of Bristol issue a proclamation recognizing January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. Honoring this day provides an opportunity for the town to reaffirm its commitment to constitutional principles, civil liberties, and the protection of individual rights, particularly during moments of fear and uncertainty.

On January 30, 2026, Roger Williams University will host a public event centered on civic education and the legacy of Fred Korematsu, whose decision to challenge the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans remains a powerful reminder of the importance of constitutional accountability. The event is co-sponsored by the RWU CO Lab, RWU School of Law, Communities of Hope, the RWU Asian American Alliance, the RWU Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, the AAP I History Museum, and the Japan America Society of Rhode Island. A proclamation from the Bristol Town Council would meaningfully underscore the significance of this day and the values it represents.

We would be happy to provide any additional information that may be helpful, including draft proclamation language or event details. Thank you for your time and for your continued leadership in supporting civic engagement and historical reflection in the Town of Bristol.

Thank you,



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