



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PORTLAND EXPO CENTER CAMPUS IN OREGON HISTORY

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an Executive Order that authorized the Secretary of War to declare certain areas of the country "military zones," where certain individuals or groups could be legally excluded. This order significantly impacted Japanese-Americans living on the West Coast at the time.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, there was a great fear among American citizens and the American Government that further attacks by Japanese citizens were imminent.

Japanese-American citizens were detained and sent to internment camps in various parts of Oregon, while they waited for relocation to more permanent areas in different states. One of those internment camps was located on what is now the Portland Expo Center campus.

CEVA recognizes the injustice behind those detainments, and will continue to support a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for everybody. We feel this era in our history is important to understand so those same mistakes are not repeated.

Take a moment to visit ***Voices of Remembrance*** – a memorial at the PEC Expo Center Station. The memorial honors those who were incarcerated at the site, which was then called Portland Assembly Center.

We encourage our members to educate themselves about this period in our state's history and our country's history.

From the Oregon Encyclopedia

www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/japanese_internment/

From the PEC Website

www.expocenter.org/about-expo/the-expo-story