



PROCLAMATION, CITY OF BLACKFOOT

WHEREAS, the death of Hero Shiosaki, a World War II combat veteran, brings to our remembrance the great sacrifice and service of the "Greatest Generation", and;

WHEREAS, Hero served in the most decorated unit in World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team ("Go For Broke") maned by Americans of Japanese descent, and;


WHEREAS, Hero is and was an example of one overcoming ethnic prejudices, obstacles, and injustice and;

WHEREAS, only 600,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are still alive and;

WHEREAS, on average 372 World War II veterans pass on each day and;

WHEREAS, we cannot honor them all in this way;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul M. Loomis, Mayor of the City of Blackfoot do order that flags flown on City staffs be flown at half-staff on 7 July, 2017 in honor of Hero Shiosaki as a mark of respect to the memory of all American veterans who have pass through the refiner's fire. In Witness Of, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth Day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.



Mayor Paul M. Loomis
City of Blackfoot