## 1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION 2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021) 4 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1013 Bv: Munson 5 6 7 AS INTRODUCED 8 A Resolution related to the discriminatory treatment of Asian American persons and Pacific Islanders; 9 condemning discriminatory treatment. 10 11 WHEREAS, racism and prejudice toward the Asian American and 12 Pacific Islander community have always existed. Prominent examples include the "Yellow Peril," the Chinese Exclusion Act, and the 1.3 14 internment of Japanese Americans during World War II; and 15 WHEREAS, culturally insensitive rhetoric regarding COVID-19 has 16 contributed to a spike in discrimination and hate crimes toward the 17 Asian American and Pacific Islander community. More than thirty 18 percent (30%) of Asian American and Pacific Islanders have reported 19 being subjected to discrimination since the beginning of the 20 pandemic. According to "Stop AAPI Hate", 3,795 incidents have been 21 reported between March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, from all 50 22 states. Incidents have included physical assault, verbal 23 harassment, shunning, workplace discrimination, refusal of service, 24 and online harassment; and

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WHEREAS, acts of hate and discrimination are antithetical to our values as Oklahomans and Americans. As civic leaders, it is our duty to promote respect, inclusion, and a welcoming community for people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, all Oklahomans can play a role in establishing a safe and welcoming community by intervening and reporting instances of hate and discrimination. Reporting these incidents is critical to holding perpetrators accountable and fully addressing the issue; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives condemns hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and all Oklahomans who experience or witness hate crimes to report such incidents to local law enforcement or the Oklahoma Attorney General's Hate Crimes Unit. And we encourage the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and all Oklahomans who experience or witness discrimination to report such experiences to the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights Enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives condemns discriminatory treatment of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and supports efforts to end such discriminatory treatment.

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1	THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports and
2	encourages its residents to report instances of discriminatory
3	treatment and specifically actions constituting possible hate crimes
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