

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1014

By: Munson

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution related to the discriminatory treatment  
9 of Asian American persons and Pacific Islanders; and  
condemning discriminatory treatment.

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12           WHEREAS, racism and prejudice toward the Asian American and  
13 Pacific Islander community have always existed. Prominent examples  
14 include the "Yellow Peril", the Chinese Exclusion Act, and the  
15 internment of Japanese Americans during World War II; and

16           WHEREAS, culturally insensitive rhetoric regarding COVID-19 has  
17 contributed to a spike in discrimination and hate crimes toward the  
18 Asian American and Pacific Islander community. More than thirty  
19 percent (30%) of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have reported  
20 being subjected to discrimination since the beginning of the  
21 pandemic. According to "Stop AAPI Hate", 3,795 incidents have been  
22 reported between March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, from all 50  
23 states. Incidents have included physical assault, verbal  
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1 harassment, shunning, workplace discrimination, refusal of service,  
2 and online harassment; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives condemns  
22 discriminatory treatment of the Asian American and Pacific Islander  
23 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  
4 to the appropriate state or local authorities.

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