

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1015

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

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

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

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 or discrimination to report such incidents to local law enforcement or to report the 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.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports and encourages its residents to report instances of discriminatory treatment and specifically actions constituting possible hate crimes to the appropriate state or local authorities.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 30th day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____