

The following Resolution was considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 10, 2022, and is recommended for adoption by the full Democratic National Committee at its meeting on March 12, 2022.

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Resolution Pertaining to Anti-Asian Hate

WHEREAS, 24 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) account for 7.2 percent of the population, the fastest growing race in the United States, with over 2 million AAPIs working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, AAPIs have been the victims of racism and discrimination throughout United States history, as exemplified by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the Rocks Springs Massacre of 1885, the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, and the murder of Vincent Chin in 1982 to only name a few; and

WHEREAS, violence and discrimination against Asian Americans have surged during the COVID-19 pandemic and have been exacerbated by the spread of misinformation, including the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, such as the “Chinese Virus”, “Wuhan Virus”, and “Kung-flu”; and

WHEREAS, the rhetoric resulted in the spike in hate crimes and incidents of harassment, assault, and scapegoating against AAPIs, particularly violent attacks on women and older AAPIs; and

WHEREAS, Stop AAPI Hate reported over 10,000 AAPI hate incidents and crimes from March 2020 to September 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Center for the Study for Hate found that anti-Asian hate crimes increased by 339 percent last year compared to the prior year; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum “Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States”; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, eight people, six being Asian women, were killed in a shooting spree at three spas in the Atlanta, Georgia area; and

WHEREAS, even AAPI Olympians have been facing hateful rhetoric, especially through social media; and

WHEREAS, the hate crimes and incidents have been underreported;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Democratic National Committee condemns and denounces all forms of hate crimes and incidents against AAPIs in all expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-Asian sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the DNC calls on federal, state and local agencies to (1) expeditiously investigate and document all credible reports of hate crimes, harassment, bullying, and threats against AAPIs; (2) expand collection of data and public reporting to document the rise of incidents of hate crimes; (3) hold the perpetrators of those crimes, incidents, or threats accountable and bring such perpetrators to justice; (4) provide services to victims of AAPI; and (5) work with AAPI community-based organizations to prevent discrimination, and expand culturally competent and linguistically appropriate education campaigns on reporting of hate crimes and incidents; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that, the DNC calls on all parties to combat misinformation and discrimination that put Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders at risk.