

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, we encourage the Asian American and Pacific Islander
13 community and all Oklahomans who experience or witness hate crimes
14 to report such incidents to local law enforcement or the Oklahoma
15 Attorney General's Hate Crimes Unit. And we encourage the Asian
16 American and Pacific Islander community and all Oklahomans who
17 experience or witness discrimination to report such experiences to
18 the Oklahoma Attorney General's 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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