June 14, 2021 – Introduced by Senators AGARD, L. TAYLOR, SMITH, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, ROYS, LARSON, ERPENBACH, BEWLEY, WIRCH and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives HONG, SHELTON, SUBECK, B. MEYERS, OHNSTAD, MOORE OMKUNDE, BILLINGS, ANDERSON, SNODGRASS, DRAKE, GOYKE, ANDRACA, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, BALDEH, SPREITZER, HINTZ, S. RODRIGUEZ, BROSTOFF, VRUWINK, SINICKI, NEUBAUER, POPE, STUBBS, BOWEN, EMMERSON, CONLEY, MCGUIRE, SHANKLAND, RIEMER, HEBL, HESSELBEIN and VINING. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: condemning violence against the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community.

Whereas, 23 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for 7 percent of the population in the United States; and

Whereas, anti-Asian racism and hate are not new and have a long history in the United States; and

Whereas, Asian Americans have been the target of xenophobic policies, labor exploitation, and hate crimes since the founding of the United States; and

Whereas, political leaders, our previous presidential administration, and a system of white supremacy have intensified anti-Asian hate and violence over the last year; and

Whereas, the use of anti-Asian rhetoric has resulted in Asian Americans being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID–19 pandemic; and

Whereas, violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans have increased by 150 percent in major U.S. cities; and
Whereas, in the last year, Asian American and Pacific Islander women made up 68 percent of the 3,800 incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

Whereas, since the start of year 2021, there has been a surge in anti-Asian attacks targeting elderly Asian Americans; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognize that naming COVID–19 by its geographic location or linking it to a specific ethnicity perpetuates stigma; and

Whereas, no one should live in fear in our communities across Wisconsin and the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature condemns violence of all forms against the APIDA community; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Legislature condemns all acts of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, anti-Asian sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin Legislature calls on leaders at all levels to recommit the United States to serving as a world leader in building more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant communities.

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