



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 38

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 Whereas, violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans have increased by
15 150 percent in major U.S. cities; and

1 Whereas, in the last year, Asian American and Pacific Islander women made
2 up 68 percent of the 3,800 incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;
3 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **(END)**