

RESOLUTION

Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID–19

Whereas the March 16th 2021 mass murder of eight individuals, including six Asian women in Atlanta, Georgia, was dismissed as a white man having “a bad day”;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID–19, such as the “Chinese Virus”, “Wuhan Virus”, and “Kung-flu” have perpetuated anti-Asian stigma;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian rhetoric has resulted in Asian Americans being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID–19 pandemic, including nearly 4,000 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination related to COVID–19 since March 19, 2020;

Whereas the Secretary General of the United Nations called for international solidarity and an end to any ill-founded discrimination of the outbreak’s victims; 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”:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Thurston County Democrats—

(1) condemns and denounces all forms of anti-Asian sentiment, including those relating to COVID–19;

(2) condemns all manifestations and expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, Islamaphobia, anti-Asian sentiment, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance;

(3) calls on the Washington State Legislature and Thurston County government agencies to build more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant societies—

(A) by prioritizing language access and inclusivity in communication practices;

(B) by combating misinformation and discrimination that put Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders at risk; and

(C) by expanding culturally competent and linguistically appropriate education campaigns on public reporting of hate crimes.