

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 270

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Condemns hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1    **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** condemning hate crimes against Asian  
2       Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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4    **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has nearly one million Asian Americans and  
5       Pacific Islanders residing in the State, approximately 10 percent of  
6       the State population; and

7    **WHEREAS**, Twenty three million Asian Americans and Pacific  
8       Islanders account for seven percent of the population of the United  
9       States; and

10   **WHEREAS**, There are approximately two million Asian American  
11       owned businesses in the United States that generate over \$700  
12       billion in annual revenue and employ nearly 4.5 million workers;  
13       and

14   **WHEREAS**, Across the United States, over two million Asian  
15       Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of  
16       the COVID-19 pandemic in fields such as health care, law  
17       enforcement, first responders, transportation, and other service  
18       industries; and

19   **WHEREAS**, Following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has  
20       been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian  
21       Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

22   **WHEREAS**, Between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021, there  
23       were 3,795 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian and Pacific Islander  
24       hate crimes reported from the 50 States and the District of  
25       Colombia; and

26   **WHEREAS**, During that timeframe, race was cited as the primary  
27       reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of the  
28       incidents; and

29   **WHEREAS**, During that same timeframe, Asian American and Pacific  
30       Islander youths under 20 years old made up approximately 13  
31       percent of the victims, and the elderly over 60 years old made up  
32       approximately seven percent of the victims; and

33   **WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made  
34       significant contributions to America's economy and culture; and

35   **WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a significant  
36       and important community in New Jersey; and

37   **WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders should not live in  
38       fear of attack and discrimination, and verbal and physical attacks  
39       against these communities are intolerable and should be condemned  
40       by all persons of this State; now, therefore,

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42       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
43       *Jersey:*

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45       1. This House condemns and denounces all anti-Asian and  
46       Pacific Islander sentiment, and condemns and denounces all  
47       manifestations or expressions of racism or ethnic intolerance  
48       against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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