ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 270

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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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 16	Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of 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 36	WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a significant 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,
41	ey and persons of and state, now, interested,
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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2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the Governor, the Attorney General, the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

STATEMENT

New Jersey has nearly one million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders residing in the State, approximately 10 percent of the State population. Twenty three million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for seven percent of the population of the United States. Across the United States, over two million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic in fields such as health care, law enforcement, first responders, transportation, and other service industries.

Following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021, there were 3,795 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian and Pacific Islander hate crimes reported from the 50 States and the District of Colombia. During that timeframe, race was cited as the primary reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of the incidents. In addition, Asian American and Pacific Islander youths under 20 years old made up approximately 13 percent of the victims, and the elderly over 60 years old made up approximately seven percent of the victims.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to America's economy and culture, and they are a significant and important community in New Jersey. They should not live in fear of attack and discrimination, and verbal and physical attacks against these communities are intolerable and should be condemned by all persons of this State.