

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61**

1 A resolution to condemn hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and
2 hateful acts against Asian Americans and to encourage Michiganders
3 to report hate crimes to the proper authorities.

4 Whereas, Racism and prejudice toward Asian Americans have
5 always existed. Prominent examples include the "Yellow Peril," the
6 Chinese Exclusion Act, and the internment of Japanese Americans
7 during World War II; and

8 Whereas, Culturally insensitive rhetoric regarding COVID-19
9 has contributed to a spike in discrimination and hate crimes toward
10 Asian Americans. More than 30 percent of Asian Americans have
11 reported being subjected to discrimination since the beginning of
12 the Pandemic. According to Stop AAPI Hate, 3,795 incidents have
13 been reported between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021 from all
14 50 states, including 22 in Michigan. Incidents have included

1 physical assault, verbal harassment, shunning, workplace
2 discrimination, refusal of service, and online harassment; and

3 Whereas, Acts of hate and discrimination are antithetical to
4 our values as Michiganders and Americans. As civic leaders, it is
5 our duty to promote respect, inclusion, and a welcoming community
6 for people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities; and

7 Whereas, All Michiganders can play a role in establishing a
8 safe and welcoming community by intervening and reporting instances
9 of hate and discrimination. Reporting these incidents is critical
10 to holding perpetrators accountable and fully addressing the issue;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn hate
13 crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against Asian Americans;
14 and be it further

15 Resolved, That we encourage Asian Americans and all
16 Michiganders who experience hate crimes to report such incidents to
17 local law enforcement or the Michigan Attorney General's Hate
18 Crimes Unit; and be it further

19 Resolved, That we encourage Asian Americans and all
20 Michiganders who experience discrimination to report such
21 experiences to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights; and be it
22 further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 Governor, the Michigan Attorney General, and the Director of the
25 Michigan Department of Civil Rights.