## SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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, Hateful rhetoric regarding COVID-19 has contributed
9	to a spike in discrimination and hate crimes toward Asian
10	Americans. More than 30 percent of Asian Americans have reported
11	being subjected to discrimination since the beginning of the
12	Pandemic. According to Stop AAPI Hate, 3,795 incidents have been
13	reported between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021 from all 50
14	states, including 25 in Michigan. Incidents have included physical

- 1 assault, verbal harassment, shunning, workplace discrimination,
- 2 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 Senate, That we condemn hate crimes, hateful
- 13 rhetoric, and hateful acts against Asian Americans; and be it
- **14** 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.