

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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SENATE RESOLUTION

In Solidarity Against Anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAIP) Violence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS,* the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 10,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS,* ASUH condemns any and all forms of anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAIP) violence and racism, including physical, verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse, that is assault, threats, racial slurs, and derogatory remarks towards immigration, and
- WHEREAS,* ASUH stands in solidarity with Asian and Asian American students, faculty, and staff within the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa community, and with the Asian and Asian American community across the U.S. and globally; and
- WHEREAS,* ASUH stands in solidarity with Asian and Asian American community across the United States, and globally; and,
- WHEREAS,* Asian Americans alone make up 5.9% and Pacific Islanders along with Native Hawaiians make-up 0.2% of the U.S. population¹, and
- WHEREAS,* the United States government has exacerbated discrimination against AAPI communities through the spread of harmful anti-Asian rhetoric and enactment of policies discriminating against AAPI communities in both the past and present; and,
- WHEREAS,* the United States Congress overwhelmingly passed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, restricting Chinese immigration for 10 years, followed by the Geary Act of 1892 which extended this restriction for another ten years² ; and,

¹<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045219>

² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/03/18/history-anti-asian-violence-racism/>

WHEREAS, the San Francisco earthquake, fire, and bubonic plague occurring in a span of 1899 to 1906 racialized naturalized disasters, widespread disease, and economic insecurity, leading to increased discrimination against Asians³ ; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court upheld the Geary Act in 1893, and made Chinese immigration illegal in 1902⁴ ; and,

WHEREAS, The Immigration Act of 1924 banned all immigration from Asia through a “national origins quota,” regulating the number of ethnic minorities in the United States through the prohibition of issuable visas⁵ ; and,

WHEREAS, Chinese immigrants and natural born Chinese-Americans remained ineligible for citizenship until the passing of the Magnuson Act in 1943²; and,

WHEREAS, Upon the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the United States entrance into World War II, the U.S. government forced all of Japanese immigrants and Americans into internment camps for the duration of the war over suspicions, in which conditions of camps were extreme, blazing hot in the summer and freezing cold in the winter, though no spies were ever found; and

WHEREAS, “COVID-19 has enabled the spread of racism and created national insecurity, fear of foreigners, and general xenophobia, which may be associated with the increase in anti-Asian hate crime during the pandemic⁶” ; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, The coalition Stop AAPI Hate reported close to 3,800 firsthand complaints of racism and discrimination against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from March 19, 2020, through the end of February 2021⁷; and

BE IT RESOLVED, ASUH supports AAPI communities and Asian and Pacific Islander diaspora, and

³ <https://activehistory.ca/2020/06/epidemics-and-racism-honolulu-bubonic-plague-and-the-big-fire-1899-1900/>

⁴ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/03/18/history-anti-asian-violence-racism/>

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⁶ <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-020-09545-1>

⁷ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/atlanta-shooting-legacy-misogyny-racism-asian-women/story?id=76533776>

BE IT RESOLVED, ASUH is committed to being proactive in contributing to and facilitating community-based dialogues and solutions that amplify and recognize AAPI intergenerational oppression in the fight for an equitable, racism-free future, and

BE IT RESOLVED, Uplifting and amplifying the voices Asian and Asian American voices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH calls on the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa to hold itself accountable to its responsibilities by actively supporting and uplifting students, faculty, and departments in building anti-racist curriculum and anti-bias pedagogy; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ASUH calls on UHM to stand against Anti-AAPI racism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to:
the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents Chair Benjamin Kudo and Members,
President David Lassner, Provost Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students
Lori Ideta, Campus Climate Initiatives, the Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O
Hawai‘i, HPD, Civil Beat, Mayor Kirk Caldwell

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SENATE RESOLUTION 04-21: IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDERS WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): [20] Vice President Kim, Treasurer Saari, Senator-At-Large Anuszewska, Senator-At-Large Kaeo, Senator-At-Large Loos, Senator-At-Large Renteria Senator Basim, Senator Chua, Senator Kirwan, Senator Lee, Senator Lorica, Senator Ma, Senator Okamura, Senator Pierce, Senator Rollon, Senator Sabandal, Senator Salameh, Senator Shimizu, Senator Taira, Senator Takanishi

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 04-21: IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDERS WITH AMENDMENTS

Aye(s): [20] Vice President Kim, Treasurer Saari, Senator-At-Large Anuszewska, Senator-At-Large Kaeo, Senator-At-Large Loos, Senator-At-Large Renteria Senator Basim, Senator Chua, Senator Kirwan, Senator Lee, Senator Lorica, Senator Ma, Senator Okamura, Senator Pierce, Senator Rollon, Senator Sabandal, Senator Salameh, Senator Shimizu, Senator Taira, Senator Takanishi

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]

Introducers: Sarah-Lyn Kaeo, Alyssa Renteria, Katherine Crowell, Jungha Kim

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