

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-054

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA IN SUPPORT OF AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND DENOUNCING ANTI-ASIAN RACISM AND VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, in light of the devastating incidents that occurred on March 17, 2021 in Georgia and other acts of violence against Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community members throughout the rest of the United States, including the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the City of Santa Rosa is to provide high-quality public services and cultivate a vibrant, resilient, and livable City; and

WHEREAS, our AAPI community comprises 5.7% of the City of Santa Rosa's population; and

WHEREAS, AAPI community members have been part of the rich ethnic diversity of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County and have contributed greatly to the cultural and economic vibrancy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the AAPI population has faced historical and structural racism in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the recent epidemic of COVID-19 has been falsely blamed on AAPI individuals and mis-characterized as the "China Flu;" and

WHEREAS, the number of AAPI hate crimes have been steadily increasing in the United States and in local communities in San Francisco, Oakland and the greater Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, Department directors, City staff, and members of City boards, commissions and committees have expressed their commitment to solidarity with AAPI community members in calling for fundamental and systemic change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa joins the Sonoma County Junior College District Board of Trustees and other local government and community organizations in condemning these acts of violence and stands in solidarity with AAPI community members and commits to dedicate its resources to educating its members, staff, and boards and commissions of the common humanity that we share and promoting peaceful means to communicate and interact with one another; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Santa Rosa supports open and respectful dialogue that allows learning the diverse history and culture of AAPI, including the historic oppression of AAPI in the United States.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day of April, 2021.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney