

**RESOLUTION NO. 21R-03-69**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AND ALL ACTS OF RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, INTOLERANCE, DISCRIMINATION, HATE CRIME, AND HATE SPEECH AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND ASIAN INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR DENISE D. GRANT)**

WHEREAS, racism and discrimination towards individuals of Asian origin based on unfounded fear have always existed in the United States, manifesting in hate crimes and enactment of racist laws; and

WHEREAS, despite the undeniable history of persistent discrimination, violence, and hate crimes against Asians in the United States, racism against Asians is often considered nonexistent, insignificant, or justified, due to a false but pervasive stereotype about the Asian community being a "model minority"; and

WHEREAS, as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic began to spread across the United States in early 2020, prominent public figures and the media utilized politically-charged, inflammatory, and xenophobic rhetoric when referring to COVID-19 as the "Chinese virus", "Wuhan virus", and "kung flu" to push a disproved theory that COVID-19 originated in a lab in China; and

WHEREAS, anti-Asian sentiment surged and random crimes and hate crimes against Asians skyrocketed, instigating violent attacks against individuals of not only Chinese, but also of Thai, Vietnamese, Filipino, and Japanese origin; and

WHEREAS, the persistent discrimination, violence, and hate crimes against Asian Americans in the United States are placing Asian individuals and their families, communities, and businesses at risk; and

WHEREAS, advancing inclusion and belonging for people of all races, national origins, and ethnicities is critical to the safety and security of the people of the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The City Commission of the City of Lauderhill strongly condemns and denounces all forms of anti-Asian sentiment and all acts of racism, xenophobia, intolerance, discrimination, hate crimes, and hate speech against Asian Americans and Asian individuals in the United States; and

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission of the City of Lauderhill strongly supports diversity, inclusiveness, equality, and compassion for all members of the Asian

community, regardless of their background, spoken language, or religious beliefs, are treated with dignity and equity

SECTION 3. Providing that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to: the President of the United States, Governor Ron DeSantis , the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and other Florida Local governments that share our commitment to inclusion, diversity, integrity, compassion, empathy and nondiscrimination.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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