

RESOLUTION NO: 210137
PRESENTED: MAR 22 2021
ADOPTED: MAR 22 2021

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE FLINT CITY COUNCIL
CONDEMNING VIOLENCE, HARASSMENT, AND BIAS AGAINST ASIAN
AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN THE CITY OF FLINT**

BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, the Flint community has a rich civil rights history that recognized the struggle of all residents and the community at large. The Flint community recognizes that no injustice should be acceptable and what happens to one individual impact the entire community.

WHEREAS, this history of activism has led to the Flint community standing up for fair housing by creating an ordinance to prevent discrimination in housing, the Federal Court striking down restrictive covenants that prevented African-American's from being buried in the same cemetery as Caucasian Americans, as championed by the late C. Fred Robinson, Attorney and Civil Rights pioneer.

WHEREAS, the City has recognized inequalities that still exist by declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis and implementing a bias crime reporting ordinance to allow individuals freedom to enjoy their live without being reported for a crime to law enforcement solely based on their race.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Flint City Charter Declaration of Rights, the people of the City of Flint have reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights and in the equal rights of men and women; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to prevent and remedy barriers that would adversely impact the commitment to human dignity based on race, color, and national origin, including those that impact Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities; and

WHEREAS anti-AAPI racism and xenophobia related to the COVID-19 pandemic has put AAPI persons, families, and communities at risk; and

WHEREAS nationwide crimes and reports of bias-motivated harassment against AAPI communities have increased over the past year, and AAPI-owned businesses have been targeted for discrimination; and

WHEREAS, hatred, bigotry, and violence have a devastating impact on workers; and

WHEREAS, the City remains resolute in its commitment to advancing equal opportunity and justice for all people in the workplace; and

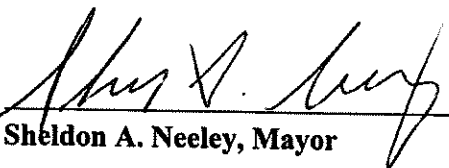
WHEREAS, all members of AAPI communities must be treated with dignity and respect at work and in all other aspects of their lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the recent violence, harassment, and acts of bias against AAPI persons; expresses our heartfelt sympathy to and solidarity with victims and their families; and reaffirms our commitment to combat racism, xenophobia, harassment, and all other forms of discrimination against AAPI persons and communities and to ensure equal opportunity, inclusion, and dignity for all throughout the City of Flint.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Flint City Council do all things necessary to supports all additional efforts in the City of Flint, Genesee County, the State of Michigan, and nationwide to address violence, harassment an bias against AAPI persons and communities; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Flint City Council do all things necessary to call upon the Governor, the Speaker of the Michigan House, and the Michigan Senate President to join with us to condemn violence, harassment, and bias against AAPI persons and communities.

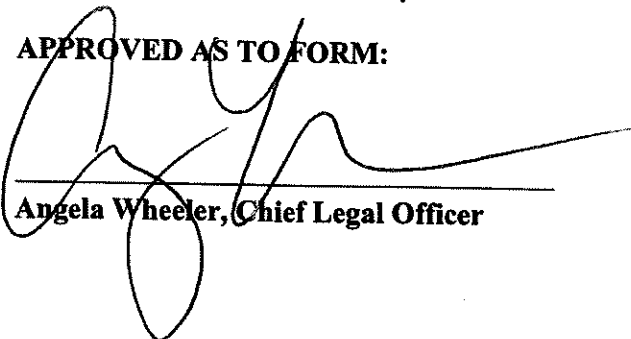
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