

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-218**

5 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S
6 STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE RECENT OUTBREAK IN
7 OUR COUNTRY OF HARRASSMENT, ATTACKS AND HATE
8 CRIMES DIRECTED AT ASIAN-AMERICANS AND PACIFIC
9 ISLANDERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders make up a
12 substantial and growing proportion of the American population, and
13 comprise 5.6% of the United States' population, 3.35% of Florida's
14 population and 4.7% of Jacksonville's citizens by recent estimates;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, Asian-Americans are the fastest growing segment of
17 eligible voters in the United States, growing by 139% between 2000
18 and 2020 to 4.7% of the American voting age population; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Asian-Americans are well-represented in every field
20 of endeavor in the United States, from education to business to the
21 arts to the sciences to social services, and are productive and
22 law-abiding citizens and tremendous contributors to our
23 communities; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in recent months an ugly tide of anti-Asian incidents
25 has been reported our country, including verbal and physical
26 threats and actual violence directed at Asian-Americans, and this
27 disturbing trend cannot go unchallenged by their fellow citizens
28 who believe in equality and justice; and

29 **WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2021, the Jacksonville Chinese
30 Association along with at least 11 additional groups representing
31 racial minority groups and interests in Jacksonville organized a

1 Rally Against Asian Hate at Memorial Park to draw attention to this
2 serious challenge to America's ideals; now therefore

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

4 **Section 1.** The Jacksonville City Council strongly
5 condemns the recent outbreak of anti-Asian harassment, threats and
6 violence that has been reported in cities around the country and
7 expresses its solidarity with and support of the city's Asian-
8 American and Pacific Islander citizens. The City Council urges all
9 citizens to be informed and active advocates for the cause of
10 justice and of fair and equal treatment for all people, regardless
11 of their heritage.

12 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

19 Office of General Counsel

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