

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Morgan, Carrico, Newby and Ferraro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-218-A**

6 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S
7 STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE RECENT OUTBREAK IN
8 OUR COUNTRY OF HARASSMENT, ATTACKS AND HATE
9 CRIMES DIRECTED AT ASIAN-AMERICANS AND PACIFIC
10 ISLANDERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders make up a
13 substantial and growing proportion of the American population, and
14 comprise 5.6% of the United States' population, 3.35% of Florida's
15 population and 4.7% of Jacksonville's citizens by recent estimates;
16 and

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

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

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

30 **WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2021, the Jacksonville Chinese
31 Association along with at least 11 additional groups representing

1 racial minority groups and interests in Jacksonville organized a
2 Rally Against Asian Hate at Memorial Park to draw attention to this
3 serious challenge to America's ideals; now therefore

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

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

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

20 Office of General Counsel

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