

RESOLUTION #2021-07 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN COUNCIL STATEMENT AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN XENOPHOBIA AND HATE CRIMES

WHEREAS, people of Asian heritage have been emigrating to the United States for centuries, and

WHEREAS, 23 million Asian Americans now account for 7 percent of the population of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the United States has a dark history of racist anti-Asian policies, including the Page Act of 1875, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the Immigration Act of 1924, and the Japanese American internment during World War II, that must never be repeated, and

WHEREAS, the deliberate use of terms like “Chinese Virus” and “China Virus” has promulgated racism towards Asian Americans, and

WHEREAS, hate-fueled attacks on Asian Americans spiked across major cities in 2020 even as overall hate crimes declined, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham is the host community to the University of New Hampshire, and our community embraces the diversity of its students, faculty and staff, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham declared in Resolution #2017-19 that “the Town of Durham believes that it is essential to denounce all forms of discrimination”, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham is committed to remaining a safe and welcoming community for persons of Asian heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham Town Council condemns all hateful speech, violent actions, and misinformation directed at Asian Americans, and calls on all residents to join us in condemning such hateful speech and violent actions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Durham Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, does hereby adopt Resolution #2021-07.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of April, 2021 by a 9-0 roll call vote of the Durham Town Council as follows:

Sally Tobias	<u>Yes</u>	Wayne Burton	<u>Yes</u>
Dinny Waters	<u>Yes</u>	James Lawson	<u>Yes</u>
Al Howland	<u>Yes</u>	Sally Needell	<u>Yes</u>
Katherine Marple	<u>Yes</u>	Chuck Hotchkiss	<u>Yes</u>
Carden Welsh	<u>Yes</u>		

Katherine A. Marple, Chair
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector