

Proposed Palm Beach County Democratic Party Resolution in Support of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community and Condemning Anti-Asian Violence

The Palm Beach County Democratic Party unequivocally condemns the senseless violence directed at Asian Americans in the Atlanta area on March 16th, as well as the increasing number of hate crimes and violence shown to our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) neighbors and friends nationwide this past year.

We mourn the eight lives taken due to senseless gun violence on March 16th, including six Asian American women. Our hearts and deepest condolences go out to the victims' families, and we join these families in collective grief and anger at their loss.

The Atlanta deaths follow a year-long escalation of xenophobic, anti-Asian attacks, discrimination, and harassment directed at the AAPI community across the United States. Hate crimes against Asian and Asian Americans in major U.S. cities rose by 150 percent last year, and within that number, women have been disproportionately targeted. Many experts attribute the rise in hate crimes to xenophobia, white nationalism, and the negative stereotyping of the AAPI community surrounding COVID-19 Cases.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Palm Beach County Democratic Party stands united in solidarity with the Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander community and resoundingly condemns hate crimes against the AAPI community and all Americans. We call upon all Americans to join us in this resolve.

**Proposed by the Officers of the Palm Beach County Democratic Party
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