

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
RESOLUTION 2021-20**

**Condemning Anti-Asian and Asian American  
Harassment and Violence in the United States**

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 Pandemic became news in the United States, hate speech and violence against the Asian American-Pacific Islands (AAPI) community has increased, with more than 40% of US adults believing “it has become more common for people to express racist views towards Asians since the pandemic began”; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 3,800 racist incidents against the AAPI community were reported in the last year (according to Stop AAPI Hate), and the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism found that anti-Asian American hate crimes reported to the police rose 149% between 2019 and 2020, and thousands more events were not reported to the police; and,

WHEREAS, unfortunately, racism against the AAPI community in the US is not a new phenomenon, having begun with the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and continued with the Rock Springs Massacre in 1885, the incarceration of Japanese immigrants and Japanese Americans during World War II, and the murder of Vincent Chin in 1982; and,

WHEREAS, in the wake of a wave of recent violent incidents, including the targeting of several Asian-owned businesses and the murder of six Asian women and two others on March 16th in Atlanta, Georgia, Council for the Village of Yellow Springs stands with members of the AAPI community in their shock, sadness and horror at what appears to be a part of a larger national pattern of intentional violence against Asians and Asian Americans; and,

WHEREAS, we condemn in the strongest terms this loss of life, and mourn for survivors, victims and their families of any and all anti-Asian harassment and violent episodes, in line with our Village Value to “intentionally promote anti-racism, inclusion, equity and accessibility through all policies, procedures and processes”; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs will continue to work to make our community open and safe for members of the AAPI community, actioning our Village Value to “be a welcoming community of opportunity for all persons regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, economic status, mental/physical ability or religious affiliation.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that;

1. Village Council hereby expresses support and will actively advocate for our Villagers who are members of the AAPI community.

