

RESOLUTION #2021-60

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OUR ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have experienced a surge in racially motivated hate crimes involving physical violence and harassment since the COVID-19 pandemic started in spring of 2020; and

WHEREAS, between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021, *Stop AAPI Hate* has received 3,795 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the United States; and

WHEREAS, 18.9 % Brooklyn Park residents are of Asian or Asian Pacific Islander descent as of July 1, 2019 according to the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that discrimination and racialized violence is deeply ingrained in the American experience and has been authorized, state sanctioned, and pervasive; and

WHEREAS, 57% of hate crimes reported to the FBI in 2019 were motivated by race, ethnicity, ancestry, bias; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Park is committed to respecting all residents regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Park works to be a welcoming and united community, strengthened by our diversity; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Park strives for people of every age, race and gender to feel healthy and safe.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brooklyn Park will not tolerate and condemns all forms of hate and violence against any person in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council is committed to establishing and maintaining a culture of trust and open communication between residents, city officials and staff to strengthen our community partnerships. Together we stand ready to do the work together and within each of our racialized communities, to build safe and supportive non-violent homes, neighborhoods, faith communities and schools in our city. We are calling on every member of our community to take care of themselves, their families, and their neighbors. Stand up to all forms of hate, racism, bigotry and bullying and work together with your neighbors to create safer and more inclusive community for all.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Mayor Pro Tem West-Hafner and duly seconded by Council Member Morson.

The following voted in favor of the resolution: Parks, Pha, Jacobson, Russell, Morson, and West-Hafner.

The following were absent: None.

Where upon the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTED: April 12, 2021



TONJA WEST-HAFNER, MAYOR PRO TEM

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park on April 12, 2021.

WITNESS my hand officially as such Clerk and the corporate seal of the City this 13th day of April 2021.



DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)