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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 19*

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9 **A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC**
10 **ISLANDER COMMUNITY IMPACTED BY HEIGHTED HATE CRIMES**
11 **DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RECENT MASS SHOOTING**

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13 Whereas, the population of the State of Arkansas is estimated to be
14 3,017,804 as of July 1, 2019, 1.7% are of Asian ethnicity alone,
15 0.4% are of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ethnicity
16 alone, and 2.2% are of Two or More Races¹ all of whom are a vital
17 part of the vibrant community; and

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19 Whereas, the University of Arkansans is comprised of 25,847 total students
20 as of Spring 2021, 4,614 of which are graduate or professional
21 students, 711 of which are of Asian ethnicity, 24 of which are
22 Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ethnicity, and 1,091 of which are of
23 Two or More Races² each one of them is an integral part of our
24 community and provide invaluable contributions to the research
25 and scholarship that has allowed us to maintain Research One
26 status³ and to the overall community in Northwest Arkansas; and

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28 Whereas, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (W.H.O)
29 declared a public health emergency of international concern⁴ for
30 an unknown disease later to be named COVID-19 and declared a
31 pandemic on March 11, 2020⁵; and

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¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/AR>

² <https://oir.uark.edu/students/enrollment-reports/2021-spring-summary.pdf>

³ ⁱⁱⁱ <https://news.uark.edu/articles/45722/u-of-a-retains-national-classification-as-having-very-high-research-activity>

⁴ <https://www.nytimes.com/article/coronavirus-timeline.htm>

⁵ ^v <https://time.com/5791661/who-coronavirus-pandemic-declaration/>

33 Whereas, during the subsequent months following the announcement of the
34 pandemic, folks of Asian and Pacific Islander became the target of
35 violent and aggressive hate crimes as well as racist slurs including
36 racist statements made popular by the 45th President of the
37 United States; and

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39 Whereas, on March 16, 2021, the hate crimes escalated and eight people
40 were shot to death at three massage parlors in Atlanta, Georgia, of
41 which six were of Asian descent and of which all but one were
42 women⁶; so

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44 Be it therefore resolved: ASG Senate urges all members of the University of
45 Arkansas community to prioritize the well-being of
46 all minoritized groups such as people from Asian
47 and Pacific Islanders descent because of their
48 vulnerability to the non-fact-based, xenophobic,
49 and racist attacks due to the pandemic; and

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51 Be it further resolved: that the ASG Senate will improve awareness and
52 support for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
53 by advocating and creating programming to
54 highlight the unique perspective and the strength
55 that diverse cultures bring to the community.

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57 Be it finally resolved: This resolution be sent to Chancellor Joe Steinmetz,
58 Inclusion Liaison Anthony DiNicola, Vice
59 Chancellor for Governmental and Community
60 Relations Randy Massanelli, and Vice Chancellor
61 for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Yvette Murphy-
62 Erby upon passage.

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68 Amendments: _____
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⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/16/us/atlanta-shootings-massage-parlor.html>

70 Vote Count: Aye 37 Nay 0 Abstentions 2

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72 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____

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75 Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

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79 Julia Nall, ASG President

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