A Resolution Formally Supporting Asian Communities and Condemning All Forms of Anti-Asian Sentiment

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Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for the presentation to the president of the Undergraduate Student Government

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Approved by the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and so order into effect.

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Gabriel Wagner                Alexander Chiarelott
Speaker of the Senate         President of the Undergraduate Student Government
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In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice at Bowling Green State University; and

2. Whereas, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government aim to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and

3. Whereas, Bowling Green State University has more than 188 Asian students who are an integral part of our community; and

4. Whereas, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a surge in anti-Asian rhetoric and sentiment nationwide, with nearly 3,800 anti-Asian hate incidents being reported to date; and

5. Whereas, people of Asian descent have been beaten, coughed on, scapegoated, called vulgar racial statements, and even fatally assaulted and murdered; and

6. Whereas, on March 16th, 2021, 8 victims—Soon Chung Park, Sun Cha Kim, Yong Ae Yue, Hyun Jung Kim, Xiaoxie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Paul Andre Michaels, and Delaina Ashely Yuan 1. —were killed in Atlanta as part of a burst of racist violence against Asian-Americans; and

7. Whereas, on March 30th, 2021, the BGSU community gathered for a vigil — organized by the BGSU Asian Student Union — for the victims of the tragedy in Atlanta. President Rodney Rogers attended this vigil; and


19. **Whereas**, our community mourns these victims, and we must strongly condemn these acts of racist violence, and take action to prevent them from happening in the first place; and

20. **Whereas**, BGSU’s peer institution, the University of Toledo, has actively supported their Asian communities by holding a town hall addressing Asian hate crimes⁴; and

21. **Whereas**, the solidarity expressed from President Rogers in his emails addressing the Atlanta shootings on March 19th is appreciated, we believe these actions are insufficient when unsubstantiated by the University’s actions so far; and

22. **Whereas**, the University has declared its commitment to Diversity and Inclusion by developing the Diversity and Belonging Comprehensive Strategy through the Division of Diversity and Belonging; and

23. **Whereas**, the University has declared its commitment to Diversity and Inclusion by developing the Diversity and Belonging Comprehensive Strategy through the Division of Diversity and Belonging; and

24. **Therefore, let it be resolved that**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green State University recognizes the psychological and emotional distress anti-Asian sentiment places on our Asian community and reaffirms its commitment to diversity and inclusion, and hereby condemns all anti-Asian hate; and

25. **Let it be Further Resolved**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green State University calls upon the university to proceed with its anti-racist initiatives and take concrete steps, such as prioritizing the diversity and inclusion course it is developing with care to address historical and contemporary issues affecting the Asian community, to defend our Asian communities, and other marginalized communities, from any form of discrimination, harassment, or assault.

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THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.

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Gabriel Wagner
Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.

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Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

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Alexander Chiarelott
President of the Undergraduate Student Government