

# Whereas

*Whereas,* APANO and PUAH have seen an increase in reports of racially-based hate crimes against Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islander communities spurred on by reference to the virus as the "Chinese Virus," "Wuhan Virus," and "Kung Flu," in place of the scientific name for the virus; and

*Whereas,* Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islander communities are being scapegoated due to fears, uncertainties, and the use of anti-Asian rhetoric perpetuated by federal leadership. According to AAPI Stop Hate, AAPI communities have experienced nearly 1,100 Anti-Asian physical and verbal attacks since March 2020. Yet, Asian Americans are no more likely to be carriers of COVID-19 than any other Americans; and

*Whereas,* City Council declared the City of Portland a Welcoming City, a Sanctuary City, and an Inclusive City for all Resolution 37277 adopted by Council on March 2nd, 2017; and

*Whereas,* Portland City Code Section 23.01010 states that "[i]t is the policy of the City of Portland to eliminate discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or source of income. Such discrimination poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Portland and menaces the institutions and foundation of our community"; and

*Whereas,* Portland City Council in 2016 adopted Code Section 3.B1010, establishing the New Portlander Policy Commission to "advise the City on policies and practices to integrate immigrant and refugee communities' voices and needs into the provision of City services, City decision-making and civic engagement in Portland"; and

*Whereas,* City Council acknowledges the challenges faced by all Portlanders during the COVID-19 crisis—while specifically people of Asian American and Asian Pacific Islander descent have been subject to hate crimes, we acknowledge that Black and Indigenous communities are disproportionately impacted by the highest infection and fatality rate due to the health disparities perpetuated by systemic racism.; and

*Whereas,* Portland City Council believes that all immigrants and refugees are critical additions to the social and economic wellbeing of the city

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim the City of Portland a place that does not tolerate xenophobia by condemning the rise in hate crimes, attacks, and attitudes against Asian American and Asian Pacific Islander (AAPI) Communities due to the racist manipulation and polarization of the COVID-19 crisis.

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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly)

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2. Vacant		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
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