

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-081

First Reading Passage Requested
(Councilwoman Walters)

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4 SPONSORS Ms. Walters, Ms. McKenney, Executive Shapiro & Council of the Whole

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6 DATE March 29, 2021 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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8 **A Resolution condemning any and all violence against Asians and all forms of anti-Asian**
9 **sentiment in the County of Summit, State of Ohio and across the United States, for the**
10 **Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, 23 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders account for seven percent
13 of the population in the United States, and

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15 WHEREAS, anti-Asian racism and hate are not new and have a long history in the United
16 States and they have far too long been the target of xenophobic policies, labor exploitation, hate
17 crimes and systemic racism in this country; and

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19 WHEREAS, Asians are the fastest growing racial group across the United States and
20 Ohio as the population in the state has more than doubled since 2000; and

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22 WHEREAS, the use of anti-Asian rhetoric, especially as it intensified this past year, has
23 resulted in Asian Americans being harassed, assaulted and scapegoated for the Covid-19
24 pandemic, and

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26 WHEREAS, violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans have increased by 150
27 percent in major U.S. cities, and

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29 WHEREAS, in the last year, Asian American and Pacific Islander women made up 68
30 percent of the 3,800 incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and

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32 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, a gunman in the metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia,
33 killed eight people in a string of attacks that left mostly women of Asian descent dead; and

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35 WHEREAS, since the beginning of 2021, there has been a surge in anti-Asian attacks
36 targeting elderly Asian Americans; and

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38 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control
39 and Prevention (CDC) recognize that naming Covid-19 by its geographic location or linking it to
40 a specific ethnicity perpetuates stigma; and

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42 WHEREAS, no one should live in fear in our communities in the County of Summit,
43 State of Ohio or across the United States.

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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
46 of Ohio, that:

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48 SECTION 1

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50 This Council condemns any and all violence against Asians and all forms of anti-Asian
51 sentiment in the County of Summit, State of Ohio and across the United States.
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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately
8 condemning any and all violence against Asians and all forms of anti-Asian sentiment in the
9 County of Summit, State of Ohio and across the United States.

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11 SECTION 3

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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
15 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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17 SECTION 4

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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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26 INTRODUCED March 29, 2021

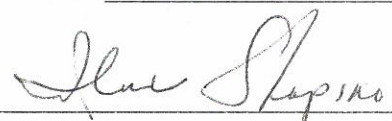
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28 ADOPTED March 29, 2021

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED March 30, 2021

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38 EXECUTIVE

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40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 30, 2021

Voice Vote - YES: 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Feeman