



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5298

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SENTIMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND
DECLARING MAY AS ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.**

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CONSIDERED: May 26, 2020



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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALL FORMS OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT AS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND DECLARING MAY AS ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. COVID-19 is a public health crisis that does not stop at national boundaries, and was not created, caused by, or intrinsic to any race, nationality or ethnicity, and has infected humans of all backgrounds.

B. Eugene strives to be a welcoming and inclusive community but has a history and present of bias treatment of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent.

C. Hate crimes, discrimination and aggression against people of Asian descent or perceived Asian descent, are on the rise throughout the country as these groups are being blamed for the COVID-19 outbreak and spread.

D. People who are or appear to be of Asian descent are part of Eugene's community as citizens, students and visitors.

E. The City of Eugene is fully committed to the safety, security, and equal treatment of all people as it confronts the COVID-19 pandemic.

F. Each individual has the ability to promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support all fellow community members, prevent the spread of misinformation, and reject hate and bias in all forms.

G. The month of May is nationally recognized in the United States as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, a time to teach and learn about the cultural history, contributions and influence of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council denounces anti-Asian bigotry, and all hateful speech, violent action and the spread of misinformation related to COVID-19 that casts blame, promotes racism or discrimination or harms the people of Asian descent, immigrant, or other communities.

Section 2. The City of Eugene will work with our community to ensure the safety and well-being of all our residents and visitors and to curb hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents.

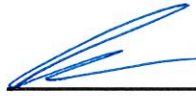
Section 3. The City of Eugene will ensure our COVID-19 response and recovery efforts are reflective of our triple-bottom-line values by evaluating our current and future efforts through an equity lens.

Section 4. The City Council encourages all people to report all incidents of bias, regardless of how minor, online at www.eugene-or.gov/reporhate or by calling the Office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement at 541-682-5177. Tracking hate and bias in our community is important.

Section 5. The City Council declares the month of May to be Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month and will actively acknowledge the designation by working with our community to celebrate all people of Asian descent, regardless of nationality and their diverse cultures, contributions and influences to Eugene.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the 26 day of May, 2020.



City Recorder - Deputy