



DeKalb County Government

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Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia Expressing Condemnation of Hate Crimes, Misogyny and Discrimination Targeting Members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities.

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PURPOSE:

The Board of Commissioners forcefully condemns violence and harassment of members of the AAPI community and will work to ensure that AAPI people feel safe and welcome in our county - both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

NEED/IMPACT:

In collaboration with the relevant criminal justice agencies and officials, the DeKalb County Public Safety Department will collect both hate incident and hate crime data and report hate crime data to the FBI, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and nationality.

Additionally, we will work to implement policy changes in collaboration with local, state and national organizations that have studied the rise in Asian American hate crimes, and have developed policy proposals to directly address the violence and discrimination in many communities.

Encourage the administration to initiate the One Region Initiative that was launched by Welcoming America in 2016, which seeks to create an inclusive metro Atlanta region in which all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity, or place of origin.

DeKalb County should rejoin the One Region Initiative as a member of Welcoming America and adopt the One Region welcoming plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the ordinance and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents