Barre City Resolution #2021-08

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have reported nearly 3800 incidents perpetrated against them nationwide since the start of the pandemic and have been the target of verbal and physical unprovoked attacks based solely on their ethnicity; and

Whereas, Recent shootings in Georgia targeting Asian-owned businesses resulted in the murder of eight people, including six women of Asian backgrounds; and

Whereas, Barre City has at least 20 residents who are Asian and at least five businesses that are Asian-owned or co-owned; and

Whereas, Congress passed H.Res.908 on September 17, 2020 condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, President Joseph R. Biden released a Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States on January 26, 2021;

Be Resolved, that:

- The Barre City Council condemns and denounces any and all anti-Asian sentiment in any form and will not tolerate acts of aggression against Asian community members by any Barre City employee <u>or</u> agent thereof; and
- 2. The Barre City Council condemns all manifestations of expressions of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, scapegoating, and ethnic or religious intolerance against any of its residents by any Barre City employee or agent thereof.

By order of the City Council of the City of Barre, Vermont this 30th day of March, 2021.

Lucas Herring, Mayor

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City of Barre, Vermont