

2.1 WHEREAS, reported harm experienced by the AAPI community includes verbal harassment,
2.2 shunning, physical assault, online harassment, and civil rights violations, including workplace
2.3 discrimination, refusal of service, and being barred from transportation; and

2.4 WHEREAS, AAPI women are twice as likely to be targeted and have reported hate incidents
2.5 2.3 times more than men; and

2.6 WHEREAS, historical hate crimes against Asian-Americans included the Chinese Exclusion
2.7 Act, the Japanese-American internment camps, organized attacks on Texas Vietnamese-Americans'
2.8 shrimp businesses, countless beatings and killing of Asians without cause, wrongful violence against
2.9 people of South-Asian descent after 9/11, derogatory COVID-19 association to people of Asian
2.10 descent, and the recent mass shooting of Asian women, among many other racist incidents; and

2.11 WHEREAS, Minnesota is known for welcoming victims of the Chinese Exclusion Act,
2.12 resettling Japanese-Americans after World War II, having a high number of Korean adoptees and
2.13 becoming home to Hmong and other Southeast-Asian refugees; and

2.14 WHEREAS, Asian-Minnesotans are estimated to be over 300,000 in population, working as
2.15 small business owners in northern Minnesota to meat processing plants in the southern part of our
2.16 state, as well as building thriving cultural communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area; and

2.17 WHEREAS, from the first settlement of Asian Americans within Minnesota to now, there
2.18 have been countless xenophobic incidents toward the community, and many go unreported. The
2.19 recent hate crimes against the Asian-American community surged during the COVID-19 pandemic
2.20 and we must do something to address this unacceptable behavior; and

2.21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that we condemn any act of
2.22 violence, racism, and hate against Minnesotans of Asian descent and denounces racial epithets of
2.23 any form.

2.24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all senators in the Minnesota State Senate do hereby
2.25 recognize, celebrate, and honor the rich cultures and contributions of our AAPI families, friends,
2.26 and neighbors.

2.27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the surge of anti-Asian assault and violence is
2.28 unacceptable. We must do our part in combating racism and hate crimes against Asian-Americans
2.29 through our collective action in workplaces, schools, and public areas.

2.30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives
2.31 concurring: that addressing hate, violence, and racism requires education by all of us and civil rights
2.32 protections to our most vulnerable members.

2.33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an
2.34 enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and those of the Senate Majority

- 3.1 Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Clerk of the House of
- 3.2 Representatives.