



CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION 2021-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
CONDEMNING HATE, BIAS AND EXCLUSIONARY BEHAVIOR TOWARDS  
PEOPLE OF COLOR AND ESPECIALLY ASIANS, ASIAN-AMERICANS, AND  
PACIFIC ISLANDERS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS AAPI,  
THROUGH THE LENS OF RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY

**WHEREAS**, recent attacks and acts of hate against people of color and members of the AAPI community have escalated across the United States with the rise of nativistic attitudes exhibited on social media and broadcast journalism and AAPI groups are being scapegoated; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation has a history of systemic racism in our institutions and the misconception persists that AAPI are non-American or even foreigners in their own country; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation's role in over a century of racial targeting of AAPI since the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the detention of 120,000 innocent Japanese Americans during WWII and more recently the last administration's attempt to add a citizenship question to the United States census; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2021, the Office of the President issued an executive order recognizing the federal government's role in furthering harmful acts against members of the AAPI community across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation recognizes the gap in data collection and public reporting of hate incidents, the Office of the President has called for expanding data collection and public reporting of hate incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the President has called for partnership with state and local governments to prevent discrimination against Asian Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has issued a statement condemning racial violence against AAPI;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

We, the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, remain committed to ensuring that everyone in our community have equitable access to resources and equal protection under the law; and

We, the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, recognize that if a member of our community is hurt or has the potential to be hurt, it must be addressed; and

We, the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, call on our neighbors in our surrounding communities to respect human dignity and stop bias, prejudice and hate; and

We, the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, urge all businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to stop discrimination against patrons and students, and to stand up against acts of hate or bias; and

We, the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, recognizes that true change requires participation and acceptance of the larger community; and

We, the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments, stand united to making the Centre Region a welcoming, safe, livable, and vibrant community for all.

RESOLVED this *twenty-second day of March 2021*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:



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By:



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