

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the King County Council embraces and celebrates our county's wonderful diversity and is fully committed to the safety, security, and equal treatment of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped shape King County's economy, politics, and culture; and their entrepreneurship, labor, and innovation have been integral to making King County the dynamic place it is today; and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19 has led to a dramatic rise in hate crimes directed at the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, both locally and nationally, based on false beliefs that they are responsible for spreading COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing and reprehensible displays of hate have often gone unreported, perpetuating a model minority myth that Asians will be complacent and stay silent, even when being targeted and harmed; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council wishes to affirm our commitment to the well-being and safety of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and assure our friends and neighbors that we take their safety seriously; and

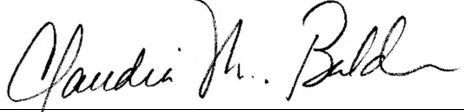
WHEREAS, the King County Council urges all residents to join us in calling attention and awareness to these harms and denouncing all forms of hate, to help keep us all safe during this pandemic and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, proclaim our commitment to

Condemning and combatting racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian American and Pacific Islanders

and to building a diverse and inclusive community free from hate and racism; so that all who live, work, and visit here know that King County stands against bigotry, xenophobia, hate, and violence based on race or nationality; and we urge all residents to stand in solidarity with our Asian American and Pacific Islander neighbors.

DATED this twentieth day of April, 2021.



Claudia Balducci, District Six, Council Chair



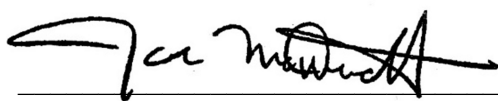
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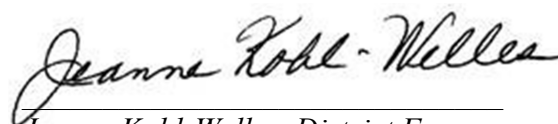
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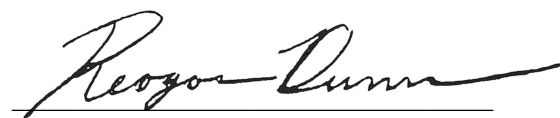
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