

Senate Bill

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Introduced by: Senator Janelle Boamah

Proposed by: President Paolo Miyashiro Bedoya

Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: In the last few days, 2 mass shooting events have occurred with most of the victims being of AAPI descent;

Whereas: On January 21, 2023, a mass shooting occurred in Monterey Park, California at a Lunar New Year Festival which resulted in 11 people dead and 9 injured, all of them being of Asian descent;

Whereas: On January 23, 2023, another mass shooting occurred in Half Moon Bay, California, resulting in 8 people dead, all of them Asian or Hispanic adults;

Whereas: The Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism has stated that anti-Asian hate crimes increased by 339 percent last year compared to the year before, with New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other cities surpassing their record numbers in 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA condemns the recent attacks on the AAPI community and denounces all acts of violence and terror;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA pledges its support to the AAPI community at Ramapo College and will work with EDIC, the AAPI-affiliated student organizations, and others to educate and raise awareness about the recent rise in hate crimes towards the AAPI community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SGA strongly urges its members and the college community at large to attend the Vigil hosted by UAA and EDIC on Thursday 1/26 at 1:15 pm in SC-158;

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