

CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

RESOLUTION NO. 847

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE,
WASHINGTON DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN
DISCRIMINATION CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND
SUPPORTING THE ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, Asian and Asian American communities are suffering acts of discrimination, violence, and other hate crimes and microaggressions heightened by fears of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, since the December 2019 outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Wuhan, China, the virus has grown to about 125 million confirmed cases and 2.75 million deaths worldwide and almost 30 million cases and 540,000 deaths reported in the United States as of March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, some leaders and politicians have used divisive and inflammatory rhetoric, referring at times to the COVID-19 virus as the "Chinese virus," the "Wuhan Virus," and "Kung-Flu," which is inaccurate and stigmatizing, and can incite fear and promote xenophobic discrimination and violence, putting people of Asian ancestry at risk of harm and retaliation; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus does not respect borders and is not caused by ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against associating geographic descriptors with unwanted organisms because they can fuel ethnic discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountlake Terrace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission supports this resolution denouncing racism and xenophobia; and

WHEREAS, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission and City Council support and celebrate the upcoming Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May; and

WHEREAS, the Mountlake Terrace City Council affirms its commitment to stand up against discrimination and racism and intentionally create an environment that honors the well-being and safety of Asian residents, employees, and community members to ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry and hatred.

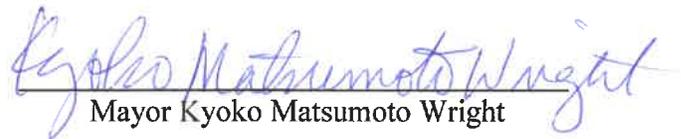
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

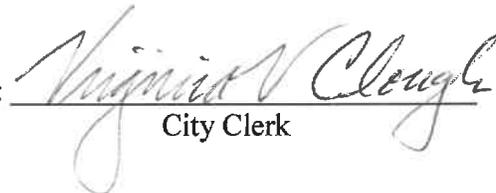
Section 1. Approval. The City Council adopts this resolution denouncing prejudice of any kind against people of color, people originating from other countries, and those who

celebrate traditions of other cultures and specifically, the race-based violence towards people of Asian ancestry heightened by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon signing.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mountlake Terrace this 5th day of April, 2021, and signed in authentication of its passage this 5th day of April, 2021.


Mayor Kyoko Matsumoto Wright

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
Hillary J. Evans, City Attorney