

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, immigrant and refugee community leaders and civil rights organizations have reported an increase in bias, harassment, and hate crimes, particularly against Asian American, African American, Hispanic, Latino, and other marginalized communities; and



WHEREAS,

on March 16, 2021, Metro Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and the United States collectively mourned the senseless murders of eight individuals, six of them Asian, at the hand of a lone gunman; and



WHEREAS,

one year after the Metro Atlanta spa shootings, prevention is key to fight anti-Asian hate crimes, and public safety officials encourage anyone who observes or are experiencing incidents of discrimination, harassment, or hate crimes to immediately contact their local authorities; and



WHEREAS,

President Biden declared his support for the proposed COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, to facilitate tackling the rise in anti-Asian crimes during the COVID-19 pandemic; and



WHEREAS,

those eight metro Atlanta victims who were once our family and neighbors will always be remembered: Delaina Yaun, Paul Michels, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Soon Chung Park, and Young Ae Yue;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners continues to mourn the loss of our neighbors and loved ones, and promotes inclusiveness, celebrates diversity, and rejects hate and bias in all forms, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 16, 2022 as "ATLANTA SPA VICTIMS REMEMBRANCE DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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