

## **ANTI-ASIAN HATE CRIMES**

WHEREAS, hate crimes targeted at Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities have risen drastically since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the rise in these hate crimes has coincided with an increasing willingness of political figures — on both sides of the aisle — to villainize and demonize the People’s Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, Sinophobia has a long and shameful history in the United States, dating back to its inception; and

WHEREAS, the lives of AAPI people are placed in direct jeopardy by careless rhetoric and shameful stereotypes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED delegates to the 29th OPEIU Convention affirmatively and resoundingly reject the rise in racism and discrimination levied toward AAPI communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OPEIU will continue to monitor statistics and trends in this area and will support initiatives and candidates who recognize the rising threat hate crimes pose to the well-being of communities of color.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 2023

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