



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 20
Primary Sponsor: Wang

Whereas: Lunar New Year is a holiday often celebrated in China and other Asian countries that begins on the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon, and

Whereas: The Chinese calendar includes the Chinese zodiac of twelve animals which represent the path of the sun, and February 12th, 2021 marked the beginning of the Year of the Ox, and

Whereas: Lunar New Year was first celebrated in China more than 3,500 years ago, and traditions include ritual sacrifices of food and joss money to Gods and ancestors, posting of scrolls with lucky messages on doorframes, and gifting of money from elders to children, and

Whereas: The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a severe increase in violence against Asian Americans. The New York Police Department has identified a 1,900% increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans in New York City alone in the past year. Asian Americans have become the third most racially targeted group following Black Americans and Jewish Americans, and

Whereas: On January 30th, Vicha Ratanapakdee, a Thailand immigrant, was violently shoved to the ground while on his morning walk in his San Francisco neighborhood and died of injuries sustained from the attack. Two days later, a 91-year-old Asian man was assaulted in Oakland's Chinatown. A 61-year-old Filipino man had his face slashed on February 3rd, 2021 in the New York Subway, and

Whereas: These are not isolated incidents, and Asian-Americans are being targeted as a direct result of xenophobia, Sinophobia, and yellow peril that has been present in America for decades, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: The FSU Student Senate recognizes the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year.

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Senate wishes the Asian American community and individuals who observe this holiday good fortune, happiness, and health in the new year.

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Senate stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in light of the recent increase in anti-Asian sentiment and violence sparked by racist rhetoric and xenophobia.

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Senate supports the Asian American Student Union and affiliates in their work to promote Asian culture and awareness to issues faced by the AAPI community on campus.

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Tanvi Marulendra, AASU Director
Cathy Yue, Chinese American Student Organization President
Gabi Park, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi President
Kristene Luz, Health Educated Asian Leaders President
Sharry Solis, Filipino Student Association President
Adrija Das, South Asian Student Association President
Alexis Mojica, Japanese Language and Culture Association President
Camille Savage, Korean American Student Association President
Samantha Hyunh, Vietnamese Student Association President
Austyn Vong, Lambda Phi Epsilon President
Druv Sheth, Sigma Beta Rho President
Marc Abad, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

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Student Senate President

PASSED: March 3rd, 2021